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❖ NEWS ANALYSIS

Jury wanted more evidence

Paul Mann
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FLDDBROOK/EUREKA – The jury foreman in the Jason Michael Arreaga mistrial told the presiding judge only additional witnesses and more evidence could have resolved the nine to three deadlock and hung jury.

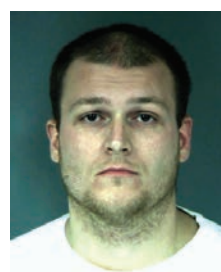
The foreman was cut off by Judge Marilyn B. Miles from sharing in

open court what specifically the jury and its three holdouts believed was missing from the state's case.

During the three-week trial, Deputy District Attorney Zachary Curtis did not establish why law enforcement assumed from the get-go that Arreaga, 30, of Lucerne in Lake County, was the lone suspect in the gunshot slayings in Fieldbrook on Sept. 3, 2014 of Eureka couple Har-

ley Hammers Jr. and Angel Rob-in Tully, both 37.

Arreaga's lawyer, Public Defender Heidi Holmquist, argued from the start that officers had been hasty and irresponsible in charging Arreaga while neglecting a far more probable suspect, given her motive: Shavonne Hammers, 36, Harley Hammers' **ARREAGA ❖ A4**



Jason Michael Arreaga



CRIME SCENE The victim's apartment was taped off Monday morning. KLH | UNION

MAN STABBED TO DEATH IN VALLEY WEST

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VALLEY WEST – A man died of stab wounds following a Sunday evening incident at the Arcata Courtyards apartments on Boyd Road in Valley West.

An Arcata Police press release said a call came in at 6:28 p.m. Arriving officers found a male victim bleeding from multiple stab wounds, and began life saving efforts. The man was transported to Mad River Community Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Monday morning, neighbors said the 52-year-old man was quiet, disabled and kept to himself. Known only as "Mike," the man reportedly staggered from his apartment and collapsed on the sidewalk, where smears of blood were still visible.

"He came out and said, 'Help me,'" said another resident. They said a teenager found him and told his mother, who called 911.

Courtyards residents were unsettled over the previous night's violence. "We have a lot of questions," said one of three women talking outside. "We have kids. We feel less safe now. She said she plans to ask Courtyards owner Danco Communities for improved lighting and more security cameras.



HOMECOMING Arcata High School celebrated Homecoming last week with festivities, rallies, a parade and a football game. Top left, Dave White commands a vintage fire truck in Friday's parade from the high school to the Arcata Plaza and back. Top left, football players were jacked up for the evening's big game. The Tigers lost to Fortuna 50-13. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

Marijuana Zone meeting set

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The Arcata City Council invites West End Road and Aldergrove Road residents, as well as any interested members of the marijuana industry and the public, to a neighborhood meeting to discuss the proposed Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone (MMIZ) today, Oct. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at the Desserts on Us factory at 57 Belle Falor Court in Arcata.

This is a neighborhood outreach meeting to talk about opportunities and concerns of the MMIZ, and to identify spe-

cific properties in the West End Road/Aldergrove neighborhood to either include in or exclude from the proposed MMIZ.

The council will continue the discussion during its Wednesday, Nov. 4, meeting at 6 p.m. in Arcata City Hall, 736 F St., Arcata. At the meeting, the council will either adopt Ordinance 1468 establishing the MMIZ on specific West End Road properties, expand the MMIZ to include additional neighborhood parcels, or decide to do further work on the issue prior to making a deci-

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Supes heed pleas from developers

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – In response to lobbying from housing developers, county supervisors have revisited several General Plan Update decisions.

Modifications to update policies related to low-income housing, pedestrian streetscapes and business development were approved by a majority of the Board of Supervisors during an Oct. 19 update hearing.

A previously-approved policy directing the county to streamline subdivision approvals in higher-density Housing Opportunity Zones (HOZs) was one of several pulled for reconsideration by Supervisors



Mark Lovelace



Ryan Sundberg

Ryan Sundberg and Virginia Bass.

Mapped for areas with water and sewer services, HOZs are part of the county's state-mandated Housing Element and demonstrate that low-income housing is being planned for. But housing developers want the streamlining to apply countywide.

County planning staff told supervisors the pre-planning that enables a faster permit approval process would be an overwhelming task if applied to the entire county area. Extending it beyond HOZs would also undercut the goal of prioritizing historically under-served lower-income housing.

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Smelser is interested in sharing ideas on how to solve the problem. She can be reached at upgirldesigns@gmail.com.

Tardy council gives itself a little raise

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ARCATA CITY HALL – After keeping a Council Chamber full of citizens waiting for a half-hour without explanation last week, the Arcata City Council finally turned up for its regularly-scheduled meeting and proceeded to give itself a raise.

The council’s half-hour holdup was a new record, in which everyone from senior citizens to children away from home during the dinner hour on a school night waited patiently to participate in their town’s public process. And when the council brought its 6 p.m. meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., it gave no reasons for its tardiness.

The council had been engrossed in closed sessions since 4:45 p.m., discussing litigation and doing interviews for various city committees. Mayor Michael Winkler mentioned this, but said there was no report out from the closed session.

Contacted later, Winkler agreed that the council should have let the citizens know why they were left sitting a half-hour past the scheduled meeting start time.

“We should,” he said. “I’ll make sure we do that in the future.”

Councilmember Paul Pitino said notifying the waiting public of the delay had been briefly mentioned during the closed-door session, but the idea was never acted on.

On with the show
Following ceremonial matters, the council approved the Consent Calendar. Among the items approved:

- Adoption of an ordinance creating a Creamery District Combining Zone. The new zoning unshackles the resurgent district from the limitations of its legacy designation as “Industrial

Limited,” allowing establishment of the kinds of businesses that will enrich the neighborhood’s “art and commerce” theme. According to a staff report, these include “A more diverse mix of uses, such as restaurants, bars, recreation facilities, theaters, retail trades, medical and dental offices.”

- An ordinance adding graffiti to a list of identified public nuisances. This gives the city more power to pressure property owners to abate the unsightly scrawlings, which, if left on display, are seen as a precursor to neighborhood deterioration.

States a staff report, “if notice to the property owner is ineffective in abating the nuisance, the city may apply to the council for summary powers of abatement to eliminate the nuisance. The costs incurred by the city in abating the nuisance are then recoverable as either a lien against the property abated, which clouds the property title and could be enforced through judicial action; or, as a special assessment against the property, which would be collected like an ordinary property tax.”

Councilmember compensation
Old Business included one item: a raise for Arcata’s five councilmembers. Councilmembers have made \$484.67 per month for the last four years. Under state law, they can raise their pay five percent per year. A staff report included a table showing that police, staff and management have received small, one to two percent yearly pay hikes over the last two years and through fiscal year 2016/17, but nothing between 2011 and 2013.

Councilmembers – the ones who take their duties seriously – have long noted that doing the job right requires a serious investment of personal time, including time away from work, to

attend the many meetings required of councilmembers, as well as time spent talking with citizens, reading reports, research and travel.

Still, they all asked for the job, and no councilmember ever ran on a platform of increasing their own pay. Thus, getting to “yes” was an arduous, tortured journey for the council.

For Pitino, it wasn’t about him, but future generations of councilmembers. He noted that all five current councilmembers are homeowners and established in life, but that those who aren’t, and who may be renters without disposable income, may need adequate compensation for the demanding position lest they be denied the opportunity to serve.

“Are they only going to be wealthy or homeowners or special interests? Or can it be part of the whole community, a large percentage couldn’t afford to do this job the way we have to do it?”

Wheetley agreed with Pitino, but got straight to the point: he wanted the full five percent increase because he needs the money. He said his day job’s compensation hasn’t gone up in 10 years, and the council “stipend” doesn’t cover his expenses. “I’m still not gonna come out whole, but I’m losing less money,” he said.

Councilmember Sofia Perreira said childcare costs alone could lock out prospective future councilmembers.

Councilmember Susan Ornelas said the most she could vote for would be a one percent hike, as the position is one of community service.

Mayor Michael Winkler said that budget austerity prohibited him for voting to increase his compensation.

But the majority ruled, and the council voted to boost its monthly pay five percent or \$96.93, to \$581.60.



PRIDEFUL PRESENTATION The downtown Community PRIDE Project (CPP) met in Arcata Stay’s Humboldt State Sculpture Garden last week to formalize its goals, reach out to other community groups and form breakout groups. The five volunteer groups will focus on event planning, media relations, human services, environmental issues and community watch. The group’s Facebook page has swelled to about 1,100 members. CPP meets at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St., on Monday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. KLH | UNION

Man killed, another shot in Eureka on Saturday

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EUREKA – Eureka Police are investigating a shooting that left one man dead and another hospitalized.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, Eureka Police were called to a report of shots fired near F and Watson streets at about 9:55 p.m. Upon arrival, officers found an adult male victim in the street with an apparent gunshot wound.

The victim was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased.

Officers subsequently learned that another male had also been shot, possibly during the same incident. He had transported himself to the same hospital and is expected to survive.

This is an active investigation. Anyone with information concerning this incident is asked to contact the Eureka Police Department at (707) 441-4060 or (707) 441-4044 (after hours).

❖ ELECTION 2015

Rotwein accuses district of giving away property

Jack Durham
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HUMBOLDT BAY – A candidate for a seat on the harbor commission is claiming that the district improperly tried to give away public property.

Trinidad resident Susan Rotwein, a candidate for the Division Five seat on the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Board of Commissioners, first brought up the charges at a Sept. 30 candidates forum in Samoa, where she faced off with incumbent candidate Patrick Higgins of McKinleyville. At the forum, Rotwein said that the district “gave away public trust lands in a deal with the pulp mill.”

Rotwein was referring to the district’s 2013 purchase of the old pulp mill property on the Samoa Peninsula from Freshwater Tissue Co. The district acquired the property in exchange for agreeing to clean up the toxic mess left behind.

As part of the deal, the district agreed to quitclaim its interest in three separate Freshwater Tissue properties that the company, at the time, would continue to own after escrow closed. The quitclaims meant that the district was agreeing to give up any ownership it may have had in the properties.

However, of the three parcels, two of them contained public trust easements. These easements are generally in

the tidal mudflats of the coastal properties.

According to a 2014 letter from the California State Lands Commission, the district does not have the authority to give away public trust easements.



Susan Rotwein

Because the district lacked the authority to transfer ownership of the public trust easements, it appears that this portion of the sales agreement is basically nullified – the mudflat easements are still owned by the public, despite what the sales agreement says.

Also, the district recently purchased one of the parcels in question, which means there is only one parcel left with a questionable quitclaim.

A letter from the State Lands Commission states that there is a “cloud on the title” of that parcel, but “Commission staff is working with the district to remedy the situation to make clear that the parcel is still subject to the public trust easement.”

Harbor Executive Director Jack Crider said he disagreed with the State Lands Commission interpretation of the law, but the district is working to amend the deed on the parcel to reflect the public trust easement.

Rotwein said the situation raises all sorts of concerns and makes her wonder what other mistakes have been made. She said she would like to see a forensic audit done to make sure everything is above board.



NEW CALENDAR Guests at the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce’s October Mixer, hosted by the credit union, lined up to get their copy of Coast Central Credit Union’s 2016 Calendar signed by featured artist Beverly Harper. Over 150 people attended the mixer. Dean Hart, Vice President of Marketing and Communications for Coast Central welcomed the crowd. The event was catered by Brett Shuler Fine Catering and beverages were served by Six Rivers Brewery. The chamber’s next mixer will be hosted by Cher-Ae Heights Casino in the Firewater Lounge on Thursday, Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

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❖ MARIJUANA ECONOMY

Supes briefed on new pot regulation program

Daniel Mintz
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HUMBOLDT – As the state advances new regulations on marijuana growing, Humboldt County supervisors have been briefed on a new program that seeks to control water use and waste discharge at cultivation sites.

Growers are now required to enroll in a North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board water quality regulation program that was described to the Board of Supervisors at its Oct. 20 meeting.

Water board Chairman John Corbett and Connor McIntee, the board’s environmental advisor, explained the program as one that prioritizes enrollment and compliance over enforcement.

The program went into effect in mid-August and growers have until Feb. 16, 2016 to enroll. It covers existing grows that have growing areas of 2,000 square feet or more.

The program’s permitting

has a tiered structure, but McIntee said his agency is looking for compliance with basic watershed protection standards like erosion control and adequate drainage infrastructure.

“The biggest issue on the North Coast is with road development,” he continued. “We’re also looking at stream crossing maintenance

and we want to make sure that people manage their nutrients properly, manage their irrigation runoff and their water storage and use.”

Adequate management of “cultivation-related waste and refuse and human waste,” is also being sought, McIntee added.

The first tier of permitting is for sites that are considered as low threats. Tier one conditions include limiting grow areas to less than 5,000 square feet, maintaining 200-foot setbacks from riparian areas and not diverting water from May 15 to Oct. 31.

Tier two sites are ones that do not meet some or any of the first tier conditions; water resource

protection plans are among the requirements for their permitting. Tier three sites are those that are considered to be in need of clean-up and restoration.

The classifications include annual permitting fees of \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$10,000 respectively.

Though enforcement is not the program’s priority, there will be penalty fees and other potential actions if grow site owners do not enroll. The water board is using aerial imagery and other means to identify grow sites and is sending letters to property owners informing them of the requirement to enroll.

A lack of response to site issues could trigger various enforcement actions, such as placing liens on grow site properties. “If they are being recalcitrant, we can visit the properties and we can take specific documentation and do enforcement action as necessary,” McIntee said. Those actions could also include clean-up and abatement orders and seeking civil liability penalties, he continued.

Using aerial imagery to identify site issues is “an avenue,

absolutely” of monitoring, said McIntee. Initial contact may be through letters, he continued, and “if they’re responding well, then maybe they’ll just fall into our compliance assistance side of our regulatory framework and if they are more recalcitrant ... then we can pursue other avenues.”

Corbett said enforcement is labor-intensive and investing in compliance is considered to be a more effective approach at this point.

“One of the areas that staff is struggling with and that I am struggling with is that there’s a tendency to want to inspect everything and I don’t believe we have the capacity to do that,” he continued.

With thousands of grows to deal with, the new program will not have enough participants if conventional inspection and enforcement methods are used, said Corbett.

He stressed that the county’s feedback on the program’s effectiveness over the next six months will be “very valuable to us.”

McIntee said the program is

not specifically for medical marijuana and water board staffers will not try to differentiate between medical and non-medical grows.

Concerns about the program were discussed during a public comment session. Redway area resident Tom Grover questioned the Tier One requirement to not divert water during summer months, saying storing it for long periods makes it unsafe for drinking.

McIntee said that an allowance for drinking water may be considered and “could very well be in effect.”

Also during public comment, a resident of Dinsmore asked a variety of questions about allowable water storage and use quantities and sources of diversion, using the example of a 100-plant grow.

McIntee said the board has calculations for average daily use and allows use of various sources of water. “We’re just looking for a very conscious effort to understand where your water comes from and how much you’re using and making sure that it’s reasonable,” he said.

GPU | ‘You guys need to snap out of the Girard zone’

❖ FROM A1

“I just want to remind you that when you prioritize everything, you end up prioritizing nothing,” said Planning Director Kevin Hamblin. “So you might want to see exactly what you consider to be a priority for putting on the fast track.”

Supervisor Mark Lovelace said the HOZs figured into Housing Element approval because the state’s Department of Housing and Community Development, which oversees housing plans, wanted the county “to provide specific incentives (for low-income housing) above what we were doing elsewhere.”

During a public comment session, Julie Williams, who represents the Northern California Association of Home Builders, said HOZs were not required by the state and have “undermined quite a few projects” outside of the zones.

Williams related HOZs to the controversial policies of Kirk Girard, the county’s former planning director. “I’m going to call it what it is – it’s rat at the bottom of the boat that you’ve finally turned in the right direction as far as housing and development for all incomes in Humboldt County,” she said. “Girard used (HOZs) as one of five or six mechanisms to shut down development in the county in general and we think that that stinks.”

Williams added, “We think you guys need to snap out of the Girard zone.”

Most supervisors supported changing the policy’s wording to generally state that the county will streamline permitting, including

in areas designated as HOZs. Lovelace was the only supervisor to vote against the change.

Similar disagreement between Lovelace and the board majority was seen when supervisors changed a policy on permit streamlining for business expansion in neighborhood centers, town centers and Business Opportunity Zones.

Reconsideration of a policy calling for pedestrian-friendly streetscapes also stirred debate. The policy encourages “pedestrian-friendly residential design” through techniques such as using alleys and courtyards to minimize street-facing driveways and minimizing street-level views of garages.

County Supervising Planner Rob Wall said the policy stems from an overall “backlash” against poor design. Sundberg said the policy is “too prescriptive,” however, and added that the market will influence design standards.

“Developers are going to do whatever makes them the most amount of money and usually that involves making a really nice place for someone to live,” he continued.

Sundberg added that sidewalks and other aspects of walkability are already required for new development and “I just don’t know if this (policy) is necessary.”

Supervisors voted to delete the policy, with Lovelace dissenting. Lovelace was again the lone dissenter when he suggested that second units built within Timber Production Zone conversion areas should require conditional use permits on timber parcels of 40 acres or less.

Earlier in the meeting, supervisors de-

clined an Arcata resident’s request to revisit a straw vote they had taken at the previous update hearing.

Lisa Brown, an Arcata farmland preservation advocate, asked supervisors to reconsider their majority vote to allow an Arcata Bottom property owner to subdivide her 12.5-acre parcel into multiple 2.5-acre parcels.

Brown said subdividing the parcel would be at odds with the goal of maintaining Arcata Bottom farmlands.

The county’s Planning Commission supported changing the parcel’s designation to agricultural-exclusive in the 2012 update draft. Board Chair Estelle Fennell emphasized that in reversing the commission’s version, supervisors are affirming a subdivision right that already exists.

Supervisor Virginia Bass, who had “reluctantly” joined Lovelace in voting against the subdivision request, said that in retrospect, she would have voted the other way.

Supervisors will hold another update hearing on Nov. 16, when they will review the plan for consistency.

The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce is working on a memorial to honor its namesake President William McKinley with a medallion or bust carved out of redwood. ... The memorial to McKinley is an outgrowth of the chamber’s aborted attempt last year ... to relocate the McKinley statue from the Arcata Plaza to McKinleyville. ... The plan is to have the memorial completed by the second annual McKinley days next January.

– Mad River Herald, Oct. 3, 1990

MMIZ | What are your thoughts?

❖ FROM A1

sion. As with all council meetings, the public is encouraged to attend and participate.

Ordinance 1468 proposes a two-step process to establish medical marijuana regulations in Arcata. The first step involves setting the Land Use Zoning requirements outlining where local medical marijuana entrepreneurs can cultivate, manufacture, test and warehouse their products.

The second step involves setting up local permit and licensing requirements for fees, building and fire safety standards, odor control, energy and solid waste sustainability, security, license types and mandatory inventory tracking systems. Step one will not go into effect until the licensing and permit requirements of step two are adopted by the council.

For more information on the neighborhood meeting or the Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone, contact the Community Services Department at (707) 825-2040 or ComDev@CityofArcata.org.

Arreaga | Testimony of questionable witnesses hampered prosecution

❖ FROM A1

estranged wife.

Shavonne Hammers was in Arreaga’s getaway Buick when Eureka police halted it at a traffic stop south of the city, seven and a half hours after the killings. She was at the crime scene in the driveway of the mobile home on Fieldbrook Road where the murders took place; and, Holmquist contended, she was impassioned by the jealousy of a scorned wife who also felt betrayed by Tully, her friend since third grade.

Curtis gave a wide berth to the defense challenge. At no time when he called Eureka police and Sheriff’s investigators to testify did he ask why they decided to book Arreaga straight off after an obtuse, video-recorded interview, while letting Shavonne Hammers go. They gave her a ride home.

Why wasn’t she considered a serious suspect in the immediate aftermath, Holmquist wanted to know. Curtis furnished the 12 jurors no explanation of why officers were in such a hurry to arrest Arreaga and free Shavonne Hammers.

While interrogating Arreaga, investigators did not know that the murder weapon, a .380 caliber pistol, was in a lockbox under the hood of the getaway car. That was established days later with a search warrant. They also did not know that Shavonne Hammers allegedly had arranged purchase of the illicit weapon in Lake County about two weeks before the slayings.

No fingerprint evidence was introduced at trial, but ballistics and forensic evidence showed that the gun was used in the murders.

Curtis showed the jury the 90-minute interrogation video of Arreaga, who lied

brazenly throughout. He admitted each lie when he testified, claiming he was tired, panicky and unwilling to accuse Shavonne Hammers, who, he alleged, had just killed two people and therefore might well kill him as a witness to her gunshots.

Quickly assumed to be innocent, Shavonne Hammers was spared a videoed interrogation at police headquarters. An inveterate drug user and mental health patient, she was nevertheless Curtis’ star witness and Arreaga’s lead-off accuser.

Debunking the worth of Shavonne Hammers’ testimony were her extensive and crippling drug history, her suicide attempt not long before the murders and the scores of times she repeated

on the witness stand, “I don’t know, I don’t remember, I don’t recall.”

Shavonne Hammers’ recollections were so full of gaps and hollows that jurors may have doubted Curtis’ judgment in calling her as his lead witness.

The defense argued that as an explosively jealous and estranged wife, Shavonne Hammers had a plain and potent motive for shooting not only her abusive husband, Harley, but also her former friend, Angel Tully.

Shavonne Hammers was a hardened meth addict at the time of the murders and she had been using meth, alcohol and marijuana in the hours beforehand.

The question of who had motive – the dead were total strangers to Arreaga – was not the only factor that hobbled Curtis’ case. The dubious histories of two other state witnesses reinforced doubts about Shavonne Hammers’ account.

Both Rodney Coombes and Jerry Bachus

were known drug users with criminal records and both were bystanders at a crime scene that Holmquist called representative of Humboldt County’s dangerous and in-eradicable underworld.

Some 13 months ago Coombes, a Fieldbrook lawn keeper and convicted felon, told investigators, referring to Arreaga, “I never seen him shoot nobody!”

But in court, Coombes swore that Arreaga pointed his gun at him before shooting at him and Harley Hammers as they ran together down the Fieldbrook driveway to escape. Coombes was not wounded.

Compulsive meth addict Bachus, an unruly witness with a serious rap sheet who had to be arrested to secure his appearance, insisted at first, “I don’t remember anything.”

On the stand, however, to get out of jail, Bachus reversed himself, insisting under cross-examination, “For sure I saw Angel [Tully] get shot” – even though he admitted he never saw the gun.

These flagrantly opposing accounts, plus Shavonne Hammers’ capricious memory, probably helped fuel the jury’s expressed desire for more witnesses and stronger evidence, as the foreman indicated.

As well, the deadlocked jury may have questioned Curtis’ prosecutorial judgment in calling Coombes and Bachus at all. Did he not know beforehand that their initial statements and subsequent testimony would be irreconcilable, snagging the jury in a Catch-22?

Curtis was unable to lead the jury to a unanimous verdict beyond a reasonable doubt because three jurors were steadfast in upsetting the judicial appletart, despite

being a minority and a thin one at that.

Another salient factor imposed a tendentious burden on the jury’s decision making. After Arreaga testified against Shavonne Hammers, Judge Miles admonished the jurors, “Before you consider Shavonne Hammers’ testimony against the defendant, you must decide if she is an accomplice to the crime.” The three holdouts may have found that decision impossible to reach.

As District Attorney Maggie Fleming’s standard bearer, Curtis heads for the retrial on Dec. 14 saddled with an evidentiary milestone: the mistrial and the jury’s complaint about insufficient evidence puts heavy pressure on him to shore up the elements and contours of the case if he is to have a

better chance of unifying the next jury.

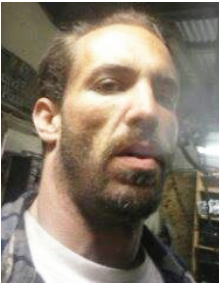
Curtis was tireless, deliberate, diligent and scrupulous in trying Arreaga. By temperament, however, he is mild-mannered and non-confrontational; he did not muster the prosecutorial fire and aggressiveness that are essential in winning a murder case that was fraught with missing pieces, sharply conflicting narratives, slippery witnesses and possibly rash investigators.

And like prosecutors coast-to-coast, Curtis was attempting to guide jurors, some of whom may have internalized the high expectations of murder science spread by the inanities of television crime dramas.

In a word, Curtis’ job in the next trial will be to cure the infirmities of the failed one, to deduce “lessons learned” and apply them with heightened vigor. As for the defense in the next round, Holmquist can be relied on to muster the full strength of any new arguments the three holdouts conceived in opposing conviction.



John Corbett



Harley Wayne Hammers Jr.



Angel Robin Tully

PUBLIC SAFETY



BILL BEHIND BARS President McKinley, Arcata's premier piece of public art, will once again have bodyguards on Halloween this year. For those who've just joined our story in progress, this is because the Plaza was trashed on Halloween 2011, and no one has figured out a better way to keep Plaza mayhem to a minimum on All Hallow's Eve other than by fencing off the center. Stated APD Lt. Ryan Peterson, "You'll see lots of police officers both on foot and in patrol cars out on and around the Plaza, fencing around McKinley, generator lights stands illuminating the Plaza and side streets, and the [APD] command post set-up with location still to be determined." Above, the morning after Halloween 2011, and a shot taken on Halloween 2013. UNION FILE PHOTOS

Customer harassment campaigns going well

• **Wednesday, October 7 1:25 p.m.** A guy and gal attired in black jackets and blue jeans created annoyance in Valley West. Positioned between a sandwich shop and a family restaurant, they beseeched passersby to buy them lunch.

1:26 p.m. The statistical density of loud slumpers, standarounders and lean-on-the-buildingers at the Arcata Branch Library came to hamper literary operations.

4:11 p.m. Someone flew a drone in what seemed to be hazardous fashion at Windsong Park.

4:35 p.m. Two men had some sort of unsavory interaction along Tavern Row, and thus ensued the stuff of Plaza legend. One man gave chase to the other, ineffectually spritzing his pink-hoodied quarry with capsaicin spray as the peppery pursuit pranced about the Plaza's perimeter.

6:05 p.m. A man reported to be packing a large knife along Tavern Row, but not brandishing it, pantomimed faux-knifeplay in disturbing fashion.

6:14 p.m. A bicycle-borne man entirely too old to be wheeling about a shopping center with a tattoo on his neck and screeching at friendly fast-food chefs was doing just that. He disappeared behind a pizza restaurant, evading further inquiry.

8:23 p.m. Someone called to report that a friend had taken some of his property on the Plaza, and that he was now near the friend's house. He wouldn't say where or give any details.

8:53 p.m. A man on a bicycle was reported riding around a Valley West burger stand's parking lot, throwing rocks at cars.

9:44 p.m. The one-boyo bike brouhaha let loose one final verbal volley at a Valley West night-shift fast food-ess, then courageously sped off to the understated elegance of the loading area behind an adjacent home of honest goodness.

• **Thursday, October 8 1:59 a.m.** An L Street resident noticed that a flower pot was on fire on his front porch, though no one was seen in the area. He doused the posey inferno and declined further assistance.

8:22 a.m. Driving at 70 mph on Ericson Way? It can be done, and is on an ongoing basis by a driver who also passes unsafely en route to the Fish and Game building over the freeway.

8:27 a.m. A 17th Street resident asked that front yard slumberers be awoken and moved along.

9:19 a.m. Self-absorbed souls parked outside Stewart School sat in a car smoking and blasting music.

11:54 a.m. The newly emerging tradition of blocking loading docks reached the Plaza, where a hotel's back area hosted a vehicle that a man came and went from for several hours. It and he were cited.

3:26 p.m. A campsite near Larson Park's tennis courts earned its host a citation.

3:26 p.m. A pink-shirted man and his ponytail approached their customer-harassment campaign with an earnest sense of duty outside a Valley West hamburger dispensary. So much so that the man refused to leave when asked.

7:02 p.m. Two men loitered and smoked outside the library. Asking them to move only infuriated them and their dog.

8:41 p.m. A vehicle burglary was interrupted on Janes Creek Drive.

9:20 p.m. A man said he'd been kicked in the head several times outside a Plaza bar.

• **Friday, October 9 3:39 a.m.** A caller said a man made "threatening statements" to him outside a drama-dense downtown donut shop. When the dispatcher asked the caller for details, the person became argumentative and wouldn't answer questions.

7:23 a.m. A small clump of campers needed a wake-up call in the breeze-way near a Uniontown cigarette shop.

12:41 p.m. A white convertible side-swiped a motor home on Seventh Street and just kept going.

4:46 p.m. A man with a blue cast on his arm was seen looking into a J Street yard for a couple of days in a row.

5:04 p.m. A school took a call from parents who thought their child was a student there, though records showed the last attendance having occurred in 2013.

7:36 p.m. As a man approached the corner of Eighth and F streets, he noticed someone who had a restraining order against him. He said he called out to warn the person he was passing by so as to avoid problems, but that only triggered a big argument. The other person also reported the encounter, but no one wanted any further action.

8:12 p.m. He seeks them here, he seeks them there, that barefoot man seeks pointless arguments with passersby everywhere. In this case, a Valley West mini-mart was gifted with his aggro-garrulous gab.

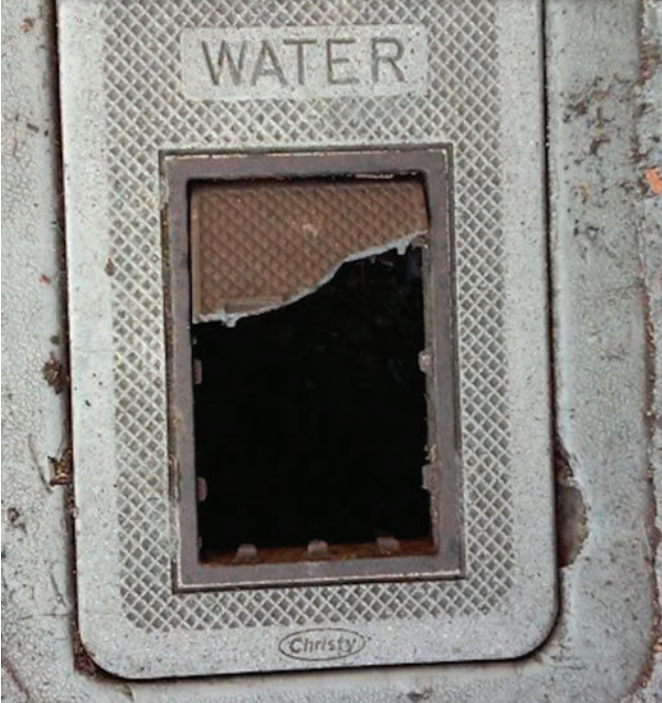
8:29 p.m. Two to three fussy-synits-types harassed customers and refused to leave the area outside a Uniontown supermarket. One guy wore a big hat with ear flaps; the other had been seen shoplifting inside earlier.

9:56 p.m. Two men battled outside a Plaza liquor store.

9:56 p.m. A Spear Avenue resident who has been having problems with prowlers heard her dog "barking crazily" outside. She went out to find the dog apparently sprayed with water, and no one around.

9:49 p.m. Loud drums on the street lettered Q Made noises a neighbor eschewed The pounding percussion Was calmed by discussion With cops, who left Q Street subdued

POINTLESS DESTRUCTION, SURE, BUT AT LEAST IT'S COSTLY FOR TAXPAYERS



COSTLY COVERS Vandalism that began as graffiti-smeared walls, then evolved to include such ruinous innovations as etched windows and stickered traffic signs, now has a new partner in pointless destruction – destroyed water meter covers. Five of the covers, which cost the city \$75 each, were destroyed one recent week. Anyone with information on the cover crushers is asked to call Environmental Services at (707) 822-8184 or Arcata Police at (707) 822-2428. PHOTO COURTESY CITY OF ARCATA

Stabbing in Eureka

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EUREKA – On Wednesday, Oct. 21 at about 4:30 a.m. the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office responded to St. Joseph Hospital in Eureka for a report of a stabbing victim.

The female victim, age 34, was unable to speak with deputies. Two subjects, Jennifer Rebecca Wall, age 36, and Lance David Coats, age 45, were waiting in the lobby for the victim. Deputies interviewed Wall and Coats in an attempt to uncover the events which led to the stabbing.

Wall and Coats were interviewed separately by deputies. Wall initially gave deputies a false name, which was later determined when further questioned. She provided an initial location of the stabbing, a residence somewhere on Herrick Avenue in Eureka.

Wall told deputies a story of what happened to the victim and that story was later determined to be untrue. Wall was placed under arrest on suspicion of providing false identification to a peace officer.

Coats was interviewed and the story he provided was different than Wall's story. Coats stated a small female arrived at the residence and stabbed the victim. Coats did not know who the woman was and did not have a physical description of her aside from her being "small." It was later determined there was a restraining order against him with the protected party being the stabbing victim and was subsequently arrested on suspicion of violation of a restraining order.

Hospital staff later notified the deputies of the victim being able to speak with them. When deputies attempted to interview the victim, she stated that she did not remember anything of the incident. The victim sustained non-life threatening injuries.

Jennifer Rebecca Wall was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility (HCCF) and booked on suspicion of providing false identification to a peace officer. Lance David Coats was transported to the jail and booked on suspicion of contempt of court.

Threats in Hoopa

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HOOPA – On Thursday, Oct. 22 at about 11 p.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, assisted by the California Highway Patrol, was in Hoopa at the Lucky Bear Casino parking lot searching for a domestic violence suspect. The deputy came across a subject, Notchko Paul McCovey Sr, age 44, of Hoopa. McCovey appeared intoxicated.

As deputies approached McCovey and began questioning him, he became belligerent and had an aggressive demeanor. McCovey told deputies he had arrest warrants and told deputies to arrest him. When the deputy approached McCovey to place him in handcuffs, he changed his mind and began to attack the deputy. A struggle ensued. With the help of the CHP Officer, the deputy was able to take McCovey to the ground and hold him there until he was handcuffed. Throughout this time, McCovey was making threats to harm the deputy and kill his family if he came across him again.

Once McCovey calmed down, he was placed in a patrol vehicle by the deputy. The deputy transported McCovey to St. Joseph Hospital for injuries sustained during the struggle with deputies. The deputy was not injured during this incident.

Notchko Paul McCovey Sr. was cleared from the hospital and transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility and booked for alleged obstructing and resisting an executive officer; disorderly conduct; alcohol; obstructing and resisting a peace officer and probation violation.

Feral humans and loose dogs run amok

• **Tuesday, October 13 10:18 a.m.** Caroline Boone, a transient who has a restraining order filed against her, allegedly yelled and screamed at the protected party in the McKinleyville Safeway. Report taken.

2:41 p.m. A chronically loose black and white heeler-type dog bit a woman who was walking on Davenport Lane in Fieldbrook.

• **Wednesday, October 14 8:36 a.m.** Some poor horse was found wandering along Clam Beach Road in McKinleyville all by himself. He was impounded and transported to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Farm in Fortuna, where inmates raise pigs and cattle.

• **Thursday, October 15 9:54 p.m.** A green and black boy's Next Surge Race Team BMX bicycle was found in front of the McKinleyville Sheriff's Office at Pierson Park.

3:10 p.m. Angela Wilson allegedly shoplifted several bottles of booze from the Ray's Food Place in McKinleyville. She was cited and released.

• **Friday, October 16 5:43 p.m.**

Near the old, boarded-up Manila Market in the sandy outpost, a shoeless Avarey Brandenburg was screaming, crying and talking incoherently.

She was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and taken to the county jail to sober up.

• **Saturday, October 17 1:41 a.m.** On School Road in McKinleyville, deputies found James Hall in a car with his ex-girlfriend, who has a domestic violence restraining order against him. The ex-girlfriend accused Hall of kicking her car and damaging it. Hall was arrested on suspicion of vandalism and violating a restraining order and booked into the county jail.

• **Sunday, October 18 12:58 a.m.** Two pitbulls ran loose

near Halfway Avenue in McKinleyville and killed Felix the Cat.

4:44 a.m. Near Central Avenue and Pickett Road, Ian Morse was riding a bicycle without any lights in the dark. When a deputy pulled him over, Morse allegedly gave the officer a false ID. Morris was cited and released.

6:05 p.m. After a long day of fishing and drinking, Charles Endich came home to his residence on Fischer Road in McKinleyville and got into a fight with his girlfriend. He allegedly sucker punched her in the side of the head and threw a beer can at her.

6:46 p.m. A McKinleyville woman's purse was stolen from her vehicle while she was in Arcata. A credit card was later used at a gas station in McKinleyville. Deputies are reviewing video surveillance.

• **Saturday, July 10, 2004 4:46 p.m.** At Ninth and H streets, bongos pounded And one business owner soon bounded To dial the phone Bringing cops to the zone And his frown was soon made upside-downed

• **Tuesday, July 13, 2004 3:25 p.m.** A drummer's frenetic flamboyance Resulted in noise deemed non-joyous To one so appalled The cops were soon called To temper the sonic annoyance

– Arcata Eye, Aug. 3, 2004

OPINION

The pros and cons of Measure A, the Arcata Fire benefit assessment

A timely, reasonable investment in preparedness

You may never be among the 2,700 residents who will call the Arcata Fire Protection District for service this year. But someday, you just might. None of the people who found themselves needing urgent assistance anticipated being in that situation either.

But stuff happens – to you, your relatives and your neighbors. You never know what’s coming, and not all surprises are pleasant.

When the time comes that you do need Arcata Fire, you’re going to want them there right now to help your burning house, your blue, choking child or your passenger pinned inside a crashed car. Or simply to help your grandmother who has fallen and can’t get up.

You’re also going to want these first responders to have the equipment they need, and the training to operate it properly.

In between the incident taking place and the time firefighters appear, it’s likely that you would pay virtually anything to get these rescuers on scene as soon as possible with all the resources required to do their job.

So far, thankfully, this is what we have with Arcata Fire. Which begs the question: why should you vote to charge yourself 26 more cents a day for service you’re already getting?

With Measure A, Arcata Fire is asking for \$96 a year more from the average single family residence. It’s not a small figure – easily equivalent to a great night for two out on the town.

This sum is requested to assure that we will continue to have, into the future, the services and protection of the first-class, progressive fire department that we enjoy today.

The world doesn’t stand still, and more public safety tasks are being heaped on Arcata Fire all the time. To meet these challenges, the department is transitioning from a volunteer force to one mostly composed of professional firefighters.

It hasn’t been easy. Dragging into the 21st century what had been a small-town men’s club – complete with a wet bar and pool table at its main station – has meant a cultural revolution in an organization that dates back to the 1800s and is steeped in tradition. The saloon fixtures are now gone, but even within the department, modernization has been wrenching and not without resentment for some.

The department has come a long way from 10 years ago, when firefighters were rushing to emergencies in fire engines so rickety that they themselves sometimes caught on fire en route. Arcata Fire has gone from one firefighter per fire engine to two, and if Measure A passes, calls can be met around the clock by three vehicles staffed with three firefighters, offering vastly more comprehensive response.

But the modernization is a work in progress, and there’s much more vital work waiting to be done.

We’re not interested in giving the department a blank check, and it isn’t asking for one. The per capita cost is about \$142 per year, well below what other departments charge.

Arcata Firefighters are adequately paid, but not shockingly so. Visit transparentcalifornia.com/agencies/salaries/special-districts/#fire-protection-c and poke around. Compare Arcata Fire salaries to those of firefighters in other communities. You’ll find Arcata Fire salaries higher than some departments, and much lower than others.

As with any other labor force, if you cheap out, you are going to have to settle for less than the

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best. Obviously, higher salary/benefit packages are going to be attractive to serious career firefighters, allowing the department to select the most qualified personnel from a larger pool of applicants.

And who are these people anyway? They’re the women and men who are poised to jump up on a moment’s notice from their family dinner, their child’s birthday party and sometimes Christmas morning – it does happen – to go rush inside some burning building to save you or your loved ones.

The work is grueling, at times painful and always dangerous. Some of the things these firefighters see – and can’t un-see – are on a level of unpleasantness that you or I would probably choose not to contemplate.

When grow houses started bursting into flames, Arcata firefighters trained on how to crawl underneath fallen, burning electrical wires to save the people who put themselves and their rescuers in danger.

When automakers started using airbags and high-strength steel in cars, Arcata firefighters trained on how to extricate accident victims from the fortified vehicles. Even hybrid and electric cars pose new hazards – the power supply has to be isolated, and Arcata Fire knows how to do this.

Whenever Homeland Security puts a fresh mandate on Arcata Fire, it readily takes on the new duties, such as spotting intentional destruction when it happens, from threats to water supplies to anthrax.

None of these nouveau problems were on the radar 20 years ago, and 20 years from now there will likely be even more unanticipated perils to public safety to understand and be prepared for.

Then too, whenever someone so much as faints anywhere in their 62-square-mile jurisdiction, Arcata Fire drops everything and rolls to the scene, lights and sirens blazing.

In between the heroics, the firefighters are training incessantly, doing fire inspections, education and outreach. They’re always in motion.

And don’t forget – the \$4 billion in property Arcata Fire is charged with protecting is located right square in earthquake and tsunami country.

If Measure A passes, all of this – Arcata Fire and everything it does – will end up costing you a whole 39 cents per day. As to what fraction of a cup of coffee that is, you do the math based on your beverage preference. It’s just a few gulps, by any measure.

We still haven’t heard a convincing argument that these professionals and volunteers, and the spectrum of services they provide, aren’t worth these few coins.

As has been pointed out, area taxpayers are already paying multiple special assessments, and this is one more. Unfortunately, that fact doesn’t diminish the fire and medical risks we face in our daily lives, and our need for a smart and motivated force that can rise to meet them on a moment’s notice.

As has happened to so many of the 37,000 citizens for whom Arcata Fire is responsible, there may come a moment in your life when the most welcome sight imaginable will be arriving fire engines disgorging fully-equipped firefighters to address your emergency.

Or you may be lucky and never need them. But good luck isn’t something on which to pin the well-being of your family or business.

Let’s give Arcata Fire and its dedicated crew a vote of confidence, and the tools and training they need to come to our aid in life’s most dire moments.

An exorbitant, unneeded expense

Measure A makes no sense

This is not a safety issue. This is a marketing, strategy and tactics issue. The current invitation to revisit the fire tax in this upcoming election is a referendum on everything but safety. I’ve read opinions on both sides of the issue and have spoken with the fire chief, Chief Cowan, to clarify some details regarding the new tax. What I have learned, is the “safety” issues are a list of desired changes, well beyond the standards utilized by most same-sized communities and will increase staffing beyond the required state mandates and regulations. There is a difference between what would be nice to have and what is necessary to ensure citizen safety for our community.

The majority of the calls responded to by the Arcata Fire Department (AFD) are first responder medical calls. Only eight percent of the AFD calls actually involve fires. Yet, what is advocated by the Chief are to staff three (3) people to each truck instead of the current standard of two (2) people. This is for every call regardless of any actual smoke or flames. When I queried the Chief about the ability of the AFD to serve and protect the community if the tax does not pass, he unequivocally assured me that the AFD could, in fact, continue the same level of responsiveness and service to the community if the new tax does NOT pass. Landlords would simply pass this increase on to their tenants, but the rest of us would continue paying more. This new tax would raise what each citizen pays by nearly 100 percent.

Throughout the years, Arcata has been generous and supportive of the AFD. Ten years ago a very large tax increase like this was defeated by the community when it was placed on a major election ballot. It seems the AFD learned that they could get the tax passed when it was placed on a ballot with low voter turnout, under the radar of most in the community. It appears that is a tactic that is being used again now. With two major elections coming up it why isn’t this tax proposal on one of these high voter turnout ballots? The low turnout can’t provide a true indication of the desires of the community.

I also find it troubling that it is the fireman’s union that is marketing and promoting this new permanent tax. Read the fine print on the signs. They are the very

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persons who are in a position for direct and immediate benefit from this doubling of every property owners tax liability. It may make sense to raise the property tax a small amount at a time or when the economy is more stable, but it makes no sense for the community now. This tax is NOT about safety.

Tell the AFD, as I did, that you whole-heartedly support and appreciate the valuable service they provide, but this huge tax proposal is a mistake.

Glen Nagy
Arcata

Measure A is unaffordable

Thank you Scott Baker, Loretta Wilson and Bob Boyd for your excellent letters urging opposition to Measure A.

Our recently received property tax bills reveal a 1997 Arcata Fire Tax of \$30, a 2006 Arcata Fire Tax of \$132 and now, in 2015, they want another \$96. Pattern has it that every nine years, the Arcata Fire Protection District comes forward with another fire assessment proposal. On top of Arcata Fire, we pay \$117.33 to Cal Fire, which increases every year, along with three school bonds. It appears, too, that Measure A does not contain a sunset clause, therefore, property owners will be liable forever.

With a history of the Arcata Fire District proposing another tax assessment every nine years, home ownership will be unaffordable for the majority of local residents and rents will skyrocket.

To review the exorbitant salaries received by the Arcata Fire Department personnel and the number of employees in management positions, please log onto “Arcata Fire Department Salaries in California,” scroll down and click on “All Salaries For Arcata Fire Protection District.” An accounting comes up for the year 2013. Read total pay and benefits, plus job titles. It will knock your socks off.

Make no mistake about it. Measure A is about higher property taxes that will last forever. For those of you who rent, expect a hefty rent increase if Measure A passes. Please, all tenants and property owners, VOTE NO ON MEASURE A because your pocketbook matters!

Wayne and Linda Palmrose
Bayside

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Opinion

Rotwein right for the times

1. The Harbor Commission is tasked with the economy, recreational development and conservation of the harbors in Humboldt County. A balance of experience and expertise amongst commissioners would hopefully result in mutually beneficial solutions to economic and conservation issues.

2. The Division 5 seat of the commission includes Trinidad Bay. Trinidad harbor supports commercial fishing boats and recreational fishing as well as boating, kayaking and diving. Susan Rotwein and her family are Trinidad fishermen living in Trinidad and operating Cap'n Zach's Seafood in McKinleyville. She has a vested interest and involvement with all the county harbors which support fishermen. Trinidad harbor has been self sufficient with support from the city and improvements funded by the casino. Although this seat on the commission represents Trinidad the incumbent was involved almost exclusively with Humboldt Bay where most of the harbor commission funds are used. Susan's connection and involvement with the commercial fishing fleet have kept her involved with the issues in Eureka waterfront and Woodley Island.

3. A concern was expressed that Susan is biased toward commercial fishermen. The fishermen are key users of Humboldt's harbors. They are one of the few economic pluses in the county. Their input to the commission is needed. Everyone on the council has an expertise or bias depending on their background. The more diverse the background of commission members the better understanding of the harbors utility and limitations. Mr. Higgins, the Fifth District incumbent has a background in fisheries and in stream and river quality. Two other commissioners also claim environmental qualifications. One member has a background in sports. Those who use the bay need a voice.

4. Letters to the editor finding fault with a candidate are usually political although this is a non-partisan position. One letter writer, a progressive, opined that electing Susan was a step back to the past. The writer was living in the past. Times have changed. Thanks to environmental awareness spread by progressives, the fishermen in Trinidad are aware that the health of the harbor and the sea life is important to their livelihood. A citizen expressed concern that the lack of kelp was a sign of pollution. An old-time fisherman answered, "it's the wrong season, come back in a few months when the kelp flourishes in this sheltered bay." A few of the frequent "letter to the editor" writers are well-known radicals suffering from diarrhea of the pen, who often submit their very biased opinions, especially during election season. In case you are thinking that applies to this letter, this is our first letter in several years.

5. Conservation and jobs are ongoing issues in Humboldt County harbors. Commercial fishermen support both healthy harbors and the economy. Fresh seafood at local restaurants is one of the factors enticing visitors to Humboldt County. Local health conscious progressives choose fish over meat. If we keep the harbors healthy and keep the salmon fresh it's a win, win for tourists, local progressive, the fishing fleet and the rest of us. Vote Susan.

Jim Cuthbertson, Bob Hallmark, Tom Odom, Bill Dimmick and Bill Harkins of Trinidad, Bud Miller and Phil O'Neil McKinleyville

Higgins has more to do

In an era of political quagmire and hostility, it has been refreshing to watch the five elected Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation Commissioners working well together in setting goals for the health and economic enrichment of Humboldt Bay, as well as for the safety and recreational opportunities available to the wide array of people that take advantage of what our Bay has to offer.

Pat Higgins is ready to accomplish more in his third term on the Harbor Commission.

Since his election in 2007, he has been integral in helping to set the path toward financial balance and security, greater environment awareness and responsibility, increased recreational opportunities, and improved protection of North Coast marine fish populations.

Pat is committed to the health and wise use of Humboldt Bay. Please visit Pat's website to learn more of Pat's accomplishments, professional experience and vision at *HigginsforHarbor.com*, and join me in voting for Pat on Nov. 3.

Linda Doerflinger McKinleyville

Re-elect Dale, Higgins

It has been refreshing to see the positive changes to the vision for our harbor. I have heard for years the same old story regarding shipping out of this port.

If it is such a fantastic idea, why haven't shippers been clamoring to ship out of here? Because it doesn't make economic sense. I'm glad the pulp mill site is being cleaned up and repurposed. The previous owners obviously had no intention of doing so.

The Harbor District saw the potential for disaster, got together with the agencies and people who could help solve the problem, acted, and accomplished the cleanup as soon as they could. Good for them. This board deserves to continue its present course.

Please re-elect Greg Dale and Patrick Higgins. I'm writing in Aaron Newman. Remember, people throughout the world risk their lives to be able to vote. Most Americans automatically have this option. Use it.

Shirley Bay Eureka

Higgins' valuable assets

Real troubles for fishermen?

I agree that our fishing industry needs help, but wouldn't Pat Higgins be more helpful than Sue Rotwein in the long run?

Seems to me commercial fishing has been beset with more serious problems than having to pay the going rate for slip fees and moving storage facilities from Woodley Island to Terminal 1 – the decline in fish populations from pollution, oil spills, historic over-fishing and invasive species, for example.

Pat Higgins is an advocate for the long term recovery and health of ocean fish stocks, and long-time consulting scientist for salmon habitat restoration in the Eel and Trinity rivers. His knowledge and perspective must be extremely valuable in decision-making which requires balancing the economic and environmental well-being for Humboldt Bay and its fishermen.

And though Sue Rotwein has been non-committal on the Arkley vision for a "Green Port" and East-West Rail connection, the *Lost Coast Outpost* reported that she is one of the three candidates "amenable to Arkley's train vision."

Seems to me there could be negative long-term impacts on our fishing fleet with a deep sea container port and rail line.

Kate McClain McKinleyville

The voting vortex

Selections, corrections, inspections, erections. Once more (November 3) we're swept up in Consolidated District Elections. Given this voting vortex, for whom should we vote, or why? Why vote at all? Clearly, if we fail to vote, we deserve whatever or whomever gets dumped on or around us, while we're sitting on our reticent rumps!

Greed is good, right? Those with the gold, rule, right? Forget the "Golden Rule" and the ancient tenets of various scriptures; those platitudes are for prophets and an annoying assortment of environmentalists, do-gooders and Democratic Socialists.

Our present commissioners and the Baykeepers seem to favor a general agenda for gawking tourists, rising oceans, pretty little trails, pretty parks, old trees, oysters beds, marine-life protection, sustainable fishing, boating, the best air on the planet. That sort of fluffy stuff plays second-fiddle to full-bore development on and around Humboldt Bay, don't you agree? So, vote for the candidates with lots of big bad signs and plenty of corporate backing. We're on a roll – right!

A new set of commissioners, given the recipe for succe\$\$, could bring back giant corporations like Calpine. Heavily guarded super tankers could bring incredible volumes of liquid natural gas to the Bay. Protectionists don't scare me none; my research indicates that an LNG tanker explosion would incinerate only two square miles of Eureka.

(An old curmudgeon hit you with some of this hyperbole before and the cynical bit about gold-plated dog dung; ignore all of that.)

And reconsider U.S. Mine Corps' recent bid to process a million tons of gold ore, per decade, near Humboldt Bay. (We lost out on that one also, because of protectionists.) We could invite USMC back; just think: With that much gold, what's with lotteries or casinos, or even the hysteria about rising oceans and slag mountains in the sunset? We could be living safely, as neighbors to CEOs and their toadies on the French Riviera when we're not celebrating in Sun Valley Idaho!

John Wiebe Westhaven

❖ LETTERS

Pat just talks while Susan walks the walk

Harbor Commissioner Pat Higgins is all talk. He says he's led two economic development plans and nothing could be further from the truth.

Yes, he held meetings in 2009 and 2013 but he did most of the talking and shouted down any ideas he didn't agree with. The last series of meetings produced only one meeting's worth of notes and no strategic plan. If fact, the last 5-year strategic plan the district approved was in 2007.

The adage is true, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Pat also talks about sea level rise and how the district needs to shore up the levees and dikes. All talk, no action.

Challenger Susan Rotwein has a history of taking action. *Electsusan.org* lists some of her accomplishments like, owning a small business and successfully managing multi-million dollar operations, and budgets, for more than 20 years in both the private and public sector.

Her tenure on the Trinidad Planning Commission laid the groundwork for Trinidad's Septic Maintenance District. She has been an advocate for fishermen for years involved with the politics and regulation of commercial fishing including the Dungeness Crab Task Force, Trinidad Fishermen's Marketing Association and the Humboldt Commercial Fishermen's Wives Association.

The Harbor District needs a comprehensive strategic plan and the resolve to ensure it is implemented. Susan is the best choice to get this done. Vote for Susan Rotwein to represent you on our Harbor District.

Kimberly Turner
Local business owner
McKinleyville

Nat resource scientists, engineers for Higgins

As scientists who are experts in natural resource disciplines like fisheries, hydrology, geology, botany, forestry and wildlife biology, we recognize that there are prudent limits to disturbance of any ecosystem, and that society is better served when we prevent over-development from compromising the beauty or productivity of our local rivers and Humboldt Bay.

Science is only one of the criteria used in making land use decisions about development around Humboldt Bay, but it is important that decision makers understand science in order to avoid harming the bay and compromising its ability to produce fish and shellfish on which our quality of life and economy depend.

Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Fifth Division Commissioner Pat Higgins is a trained scientist who is able to evaluate scientific arguments. Pat is also a good businessman who has helped diversify economic activity around the bay since being elected in 2007, but we know he will not allow over-development that compromises the health of Humboldt Bay.

Therefore, we endorse Pat Higgins for re-election to the Harbor District on November 3.

Bill Weaver, Ph.D.; Bob Gearheart, Ph.D., P.E.; David Couch; Jen Kalt; Aldaron Laird; Don Allen; Rose Patenaude, P.E.; Sheri Woo, P.E.; Mike Wilson, P.E.; Greg Blomstrom; Emily King Teraoka; Randy Klein; Lauren McClure; Randy Turner; Mike Foget, P.E.; Michael Furniss; Bob Rohde; Leslie Wolff; Dawn Goley, Ph.D.; Greg Bundros; Greg Blomstrom; Mary Burke; Dave Feral; Whelan Gilkerson; Brad Job, P.E. Humboldt

Higgins knows the issues

As a former Harbor Commissioner, I urge a vote for Pat Higgins as Harbor Commissioner from the Fifth District. He is has been an effective and valued member of the Board of Commissioners.

In these difficult times, I believe the District needs his ability to understand the technical problems facing the district such as the county-wide economic impacts of Harbor developments and the assessment of such matters as the effects of rising coastal levels on the district's jurisdiction.

And, I believe his personal vested interests are entirely in support of the economic and environmental health of the Harbor to benefit the many Harbor users.

Richard L. Ridenhour McKinleyville

Higgins, Dale best choices

When the Harbor District acquired the Samoa Pulp Mill, they saw that it came with a serious threat. The private industries who previously owned the mill had left behind storage tanks filled to the brim with toxic liquors, an environmental disaster waiting to happen. The Harbor District deserves high praise for taking immediate action, bringing in the EPA to clean it up.

But in three candidate forums, Susan Rotwein said the EPA should not have removed the toxins, which the EPA considered the biggest environmental risk anywhere on the West Coast.

Her solution? Wait for private industry to clean up the mess, despite the fact that the responsible parties are long gone, and the most recent owner of the mill tried, but was not able to get the capital needed for the clean-up.

Rather than work cooperatively with another government agency, Susan would have done nothing, risking the long-term health of the bay and the livelihoods of the fishing industry she claims to represent. To call this poor judgment is an understatement.

Fortunately, our current Harbor Commissioners make intelligent, common sense decisions. Please keep them in office. Vote for Pat Higgins and Greg Dale.

Diane Higgins McKinleyville

Angeloff, Rotwein understand

Not long ago lives were routinely lost as ships entered our bay and those days are pretty much gone thanks to the Army Corps of Engineers' dredging.

Our future is now threatened due to budget cuts as the Corps allocates funds based largely, but not entirely, on the amount of tonnage shipped.

The harbors that ship the most tons can justify maintaining dredge funding to the Corps. Humboldt Harbor can ship five million tons annually but hasn't exceeded 400,000 tons lately.

The bad economy can be justified for such low tonnage, for now, but if we don't increase our shipping the Corps will stop dredging to keep our channels deep and safe.

Amazingly the Harbor District isn't interested in shipping! The harbor owns two marine terminals that they'll eventually remove and replace with recreational docks. The 1,000 acres of permitted, coastal dependent land to support harbor activities will stay undeveloped.

Their future eliminates millions of dollars in economic activity annually and wages for middle to upper-middle class families.

This election, choose a future for our children where they can have a great job with benefits, afford a home, send their kids to college and retire securely. Harbors all over the country are working again and Humboldt Harbor can too.

Nick Angeloff and Susan Rotwein understand that our prosperity comes from attracting more ships, protecting our fishing industry, expanding aquaculture and ensuring our bay is green. Vote for a better future.

Karen Brooks Bayside

Get a mammogram

1995: One in seven women will contract breast cancer. One in seven. Would you bet your life on those odds?

I'd never had a mammogram. At first I thought I was too young. Then I had no insurance. Now I'm 51 years old and terrified. My daughter said, "Do it for me, Mom."

She drove me and a big box of Kleenex to the hospital. I thought it would hurt. It didn't. I thought they would find a lump. They didn't. I thought I would be braver. I wasn't.

2010: Fifteen years later and finally the death count is declining... one in 36 women. I'm 66, and have three incredible granddaughters. I have a mammogram every three years in October. I'm still not very brave, but I'm not afraid.

2015: October is here... the month we remember. I thought breast cancer would never touch my life. I was wrong. My dear friend Candace, a beautiful young mother, lost her battle. She died from breast cancer on the day we met ... 30 years later.

In truth, I'm a little scared, but I'll do it again in 2016.

Love yourself and your family. Get screened.

Patti Stammer McKinleyville

Lumberjacks strive for conference title; big game on Halloween

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY SPORTS
ELLENSBURG, WASH. – For just the second time since the 1997 season, No. 16 Humboldt State football found a way to win in Ellensburg.

The nationally-ranked Lumberjacks defeated the Central Washington Wildcats 42-17 Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24.

HSU improves to 6-1 overall and 4-0 versus Great Northwest Athletic Conference opponents. Saturday's win sets up an opportunity for the Green and Gold to clinch its first conference title since the 2011 season this week in Redwood Bowl with a win against Simon Fraser.

"Our kids are playing with great confidence, and this was a big win for the Lumberjacks," Coach Rob Smith said. "All of our goals are still in front of us and they start with winning a conference champion-

ship. In order to reach our goals we knew we had to go through Ellensburg."

The Jacks wasted no time demonstrating they had already shrugged off its recent non-conference loss. Nick Sharpe snagged an ill-timed pass from Wildcat quarterback Justin Lane on Central Washington's first play from scrimmage.

Sharpe's pick set up a Robert Webber touchdown pass on a fly sweep to Sage Burmeister that wrapped a five-play, 47-yard scoring drive.

Kicker Sean McDonald answered the HSU score eight minutes later when he connected on a 23-yard field goal attempt, which put Central Washington on the board, 7-3.

Despite the Wildcats' efforts to slow the Jacks' run game, sophomore running back Ja'Quan Gardner was able to ramble past opposing defenders with the help of HSU's outstanding offensive line. The Ceres, Calif., native scored the next two Green and Gold touchdowns from five and two yards out, respectively.

Trailing 21-3 with 4:21 remaining in the half, Lane connected with one of the GNAC's most dynamic playmakers, receiver Jesse Zalk, on a 61-yard pitch-and-catch touchdown. Zalk's touchdown reception trimmed the HSU lead to 11, 21-10.

As the clock closed in on halftime, Webber guided the HSU offense 66 yards to its fourth score. The Corona Centennial High School product carried the ball into the end zone from the nine-yard line for his second rushing touchdown of the season.

Neither team was able to find offensive success at the start of the second half. On their second drive of the third quarter, Lane tossed the Wildcats second interception.

HSU defensive back Chris Hannible intercepted the pass and raced down the sideline, dodging Central Washington offensive players as he ran into the end zone for a 76-yard pick six.

Following another stalled Wildcat drive, Webber orchestrated another scoring drive for HSU. He connected on a pair of big plays to receiver Chase Krivashei, which included a 30-yard touchdown pass that gave the Green and Gold a 42-10 advantage with 12:33 to play.

Central Washington scored the last points of the game on the following drive. Lane completed a touchdown pass to tight

end Kyle Self.

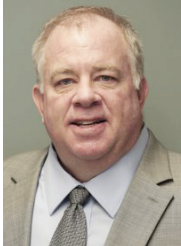
HSU's defense flexed its muscle and sacked the Central Washington signal caller seven times. Dillon Huffman and Ahmad Logan each had 2.5 sacks in the win. Eric Paopao led the Green and Gold with seven total tackles (four solo).

Gardner was able to save some tread on the tires and finished the game with 28 carries for 136 yards. Richard Doctor (39 yards), Jabar Byrd (38 yards) and Blair Zerr (five yards) chipped in valuable production on the ground.

Krivashei was HSU's top receiver and caught eight balls for 90 yards.

The Jacks return to action on Saturday, Oct. 31, in Redwood Bowl. HSU hosts Simon Fraser in one of its final two conference games. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. Senior Day festivities and recognition will begin prior to kickoff.

"Don't miss Lumberjack football in Redwood Bowl on Halloween," said Smith. "Our team feeds off the energy of our home crowd. Hopefully we can fill Redwood Bowl."



Coach Rob Smith



Robert Webber



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and wood sprites
scamper stealthily
among the pumpkins and
wilting flowers,
sprinkling the fields
with crystals of jack frost.
Cider mills crank,
sere vineyards yield,
corn stalks droop,
cowed by the gathering cold.
Children await the Great Pumpkin;
we relive their illusions
of warlocks and witches,
of gloom in a dolorous night sky,
of death lurking at the
end of the harvest,
Celtic Samhain.
We witness our own mortality
in the threat of a fall rain storm,
in the leaves
withering on the
mud-churned ground.
We summon jack-o'-lanterns,
Hallowe'en celebrations
and the bonfires of
Guy Fawkes night
to banish our own
fear-borne hobgoblins.
In the woods in the dark
a bush looks like a bear;
we're certain
woe and melancholy
tenant the winter sky,
we believe we hear elves and
apparitions rustling
the cobwebs and
duff of the forest floor.
Such frights are only in ourselves.
No wraiths enfold the
fog-bound moon;
they are droll illusions,
like the Lord's Prayer,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting.
Trick or Treat indeed.
Only the dead have entered the
end of fear.

— Paul Mann



After a year off, the Kinetic Lab of Horrors is back – with a vengeance

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – If you suffer from coulrophobia, the fear of clowns, this year's Haunted Kinetic Lab of Horrors is not likely to improve your condition.

"The terrifying clown thing is pretty much the theme this year," said Kati Texas, President of the Kinetic Universe.

Early this week, volunteers were still working on the lab, a horrifyingly magnificent work of art and gore located at Eighth and N streets in Arcata's Creamery District, which perhaps should be renamed the Screamery District for the next four days. The haunted house is open this evening, Oct. 28 through Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$12 at the door.



Attendees must be at least 13 years old. "I encourage people not to bring in small children," Texas said, noting that kiddies could be traumatized by the über scariness of the haunted house, which is designed to "terrify grown adults."

About 30 volunteers operate the lab of

horrors. Attendees will be guided through the repugance in groups of six, all holding onto a rope for their safety.



DENIZENS OF DARKNESS A small sample of the many twisted, horrifying clowns populating the bloodier, creepier, sicker and longer Kinetic Lab of Horrors. And these are just the ones we were allowed to show you ...

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"It's a guided freak show," Texas said. Be prepared for thrills, scares, gross-outs and a wall of gore. You may even see the horror of horrors, Donald Trump. Look closely.

Texas asked the *Union* to remain sufficiently vague about some the scares as to not give away any surprises.

"It's not just about jumping-out scares and saying boo – it's about freaking you out," Texas said. The lab preys on more phobias than just coulrophobia.

Although it may be hard to appreciate

amidst the scenes of horror and all the blood and guts, the lab really is a work of art – a creation of the artists who use the venue to create their kinetic sculptures for the Kinetic Grand Championship, held every Memorial Day weekend in Humboldt County.

Many of those sculptures hang from the ceiling above the lab. The haunted house, Texas explained, is a fundraiser for the artists to help pay for lab rent and insurance and other "boring stuff."

The first lab of horrors was held 11 years ago and continued every Halloween except for last year. In 2014, volunteers were overwhelmed with other projects and skipped the lab of horrors, much to the dismay of Humboldters.

This year the lab is back, with a vengeance.



It's bloodier, creepier, sicker and longer than ever before. Be prepared to wait in line. The lab attracts 300 to 400 people a night.

Find more Halloween events on page B2.



THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE WEE

TINY LIBRARY IN JACOBY'S Local businesses have committed to helping keep the currently cobweb-covered Little Free Library in Jacoby's Storehouse, above left, stocked with such children's classics as *Where the Wild Things Are*, here being returned by avid reader and *Union* editor Jack Durham, above right. KLH | UNION

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

JACOBY'S STOREHOUSE – The children-oriented Little Free Library (LFL) in the lobby of Jacoby's Storehouse gets a lot of use putting books in kids' hands, but one thing it lacks is equilibrium. Often as not, the cupboard is bare.

Now, the *Mad River Union*, Rocking Horse children's store and Tin Can Mailman antiquarian bookstore

have joined forces to keep the LFL stocked. An account has been set up at Tin Can Mailman, 1000 H St. in Arcata, under the name "Little Free Library Jacoby's." You may donate your books to Tin Can under that name, and the resulting credits will be used to refill the Storehouse's LFL.

Tin Can Mailman asks that you not return any books taken from the LFL to Tin Can for credit. They've all been marked with a red "LFLJ" on the inside

front and back covers to prevent this. Instead, once you're done with the borrowed books, bring them back to the library box itself, along with any fresh book donations you may want to make.

Proving popular are picture books for tots, bedtime-story books and tomes for pre-adolescent readers. The first batch of books was donated entirely by Tin Can Mailman. For more information, call the *Union* at (707) 826-7000. littlefreelibrary.org



SMALL IMAGES IN WESTHAVEN Westhaven Center for the Arts is showing small format art by local artists during November and December. "This show is an opportunity for the community to purchase art as holiday gifts at affordable prices, sort of a six-week Holiday Art Fair," said Exhibit Coordinator Ann Anderson, whose wee watercolor of yellow tulips, above, is one of the pieces in the show. The exhibit includes prints, glass, jewelry, ceramics, paintings and drawings. There will be an opening reception on Sunday, Nov. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. Westhaven Center for the Arts is located at 501 South Westhaven Dr. just off U.S. Highway 101. The gallery is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

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Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Fright See *At Midnight I'll Take Your Soul* (1964) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways today, Oct. 28 at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. In a small town, gravedigger Zé do Caixão is feared by the locals. Obsessed to have a son, he harasses, assaults and murders women and men until the Day of the Dead, when the local gypsy warns him that the dead will take his soul to hell. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is strongly suggested.

Last Minute Costume Clinic Bring a hoodie, shirt or something else to SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Arcata, on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. and designers/makers will give you hands-on help. Materials and tools will be available to embellish, make a mask, etc. All ages welcome; \$5 per person.

Haunted Ghost Ship The Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum and the Humboldt Bay Air-Sea Naval Museum present a seaworthy scare for those who dare aboard the “Haunted 1091 Ghost Ship.” Thrill seekers will be guided through four decks of the 71-year-old steel navy vessel 1091 transiting through a zombie infirmary and containment area, the galley of death and the infamous radio room, where a real life radio operator committed suicide and his ghost still roams. The terror begins from 6 to 10 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31 at the foot of Commerical Street, Eureka. This interactive experience is designed for teen and adult audiences, not intended for children younger than 12 years old. Due to door designs and stairwells of the vessel, flat shoes are suggested. Tickets are \$10 at the dock, first come first serve. facebook.com/haunted1091, humboldtbaymaritimemuseum.com

All Hallows Eve Extravaganza Apprentice Entertainment presents an all-teen Halloween event at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., on Friday, Oct. 30 at 6:30 p.m. Get ready for a high-tech, advanced twist on the idea of a scavenger hunt with prizes-followed by an eerie, hair-raising dance party with DJ Debb. Cost is \$10 for both scavenger hunt and dance/\$5 for just dancing. (707) 822-1575, apprenticeentertainment1@gmail.com

It's a Dismal World You won't soon forget the ride “It's a Dismal World,” a part of the famed haunted house and theme park “Miseryland” at Dream Quest, 100 Country Club Dr. in downtown Willow Creek. Check it out Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5/\$3 for kids aged 12 and under. Young children are not encouraged to attend. (530) 629-3564

Haunted Forest Plays in the Park and the City of Arcata's Recreation Division present The Haunted Forest in Redwood Park on Friday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. This evening of spooky stories features storytellers and performers from throughout the North Coast, including the holiday favorite, Carpathian the Friendly Ghoul. This event is free to the public and is family-friendly. skycladtheater@gmail.com, (707) 834-0861

Halloween Teen Dance Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods Teen Center hosts a Halloween Teen Dance for sixth through 12th graders Friday, Oct. 30 from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at 3015 J St. in Eureka. There will be a DJ, costume contest, pie-eating contest, spooky limbo, hot dogs, candy and prizes. Admission is \$7/\$5 in costume. (707) 444-0814

'80s Halloween Bash Dress up as your favorite '80s skate and surf zombie for the '80s Halloween Bash at RampArt Skatepark, 700 South G St., Arcata on Friday, Oct. 30 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Featuring live '80s punk cover bands and skating. For ages 16 and over. Admission is \$10. (707) 826-0675

Pumpkin Contest The North Coast Growers' Association brings back the Arcata Plaza Farmers' Market Pumpkin Contest this Halloween, Saturday Oct. 31. The exhibit runs from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with the winners announced at 12:30 p.m. Come for the spectacle of the biggest pumpkin, gawk at the entries for Gnarliest Pumpkin, and be sure to check out the fine artwork of the Carved and Decorated pumpkin entries. Featuring music by the much loved Bayou Swamis, hosting their own Day of the Dead altar at the stage.

Costume Parade McKinleyville Shopping Center holds its 31st annual Halloween Costume Parade on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 11 a.m. Children are invited to visit the McKinleyville Shopping Cen-

ter for a safe and entertaining trick-or-treating experience. This free community event is open to all children, and there will be lots of free candy and Halloween treats given out by the merchants. Children should meet by the small kiosk in the parking lot at the shopping center before 11 a.m. to join in the fun, as the parade starts at 11 a.m. for all participants. Volunteer SCOP officers will be on hand to manage traffic and provide a safe environment for the trick or treat participants. (707) 834-6460

Boo at the Zoo Sequoia Park Zoo hosts the 18th annual Boo at the Zoo at 3414 W St. in Eureka on Saturday, Oct. 31 from noon to 4 p.m. Enjoy dreadfully delightful games, crafts and spooky shenanigans. The animals at the zoo also get to celebrate Halloween as they stomp and chomp on their very own surprise-stuffed Jack-o-Lanterns. Show off your wild wear and join the Costume Parade & Contest at 2 p.m. for a chance to win prizes. sequoiaparkzoo.net

Monster Movie Marathon Join the Mad River Brewing Co., 101 Taylor Way in Blue Lake, in the winter tent for free spooky Halloween movies all afternoon and evening on Saturday, Oct. 31. There will be more blood and glitter than you'll know what to do with.

Specky Dune Tour Get outside and explore the coast on Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31! Join Friends of the Dunes for the Spooky Dune Tour, a fun outdoor Halloween adventure at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. During this sugar-free event, tour guides will lead groups through the dunes to meet some spooky and silly characters. One hour tours start every 30 minutes from 1 to 3 p.m. Come dressed in costume and be prepared for a short hike in sand. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per child, or \$3 per child for Friends of the Dunes members and Manila residents. Space is limited, so call (707) 444-1397 or email info@friendsofthedunes.org to reserve a spot. This event is sponsored by the State Coastal Conservancy.

Cool & Creepy Discovery Day Make slime, paper bats, and take a picture with a dinosaur at the HSU Natural History Museum, 1242 G St., Arcata on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 2 to 6 p.m. See a real human skeleton and stick your hand in a “box for the brave.” See spiders, bugs, bats, a python skin,

glow in the dark minerals and more. Admission is \$3; adults accompanying kids admitted free. (707) 826-4479

Make the Case for Candy Families are invited to the Arcata Library, 500 Seventh St., on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 5 p.m., for a candy-case decorating party! Personalize a pillowcase, then head over to the Arcata Plaza to fill it up with treats. All supplies are provided by the Friends of the Arcata Library. (707) 822-5954

Candy on the Plaza Arcata Main Street invites the public to Trick or Treat on the Arcata Plaza this Halloween, Saturday, Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. Downtown streets will be closed so families can safely enjoy goodies from participating stores, free cider from Arcata Main Street and pictures with Shoshanna, the Halloween Fairy, sponsored by the Arcata Chamber of Commerce. Entertainment includes the Merchant Costume Contest, Giant Puppets from the Arcata Playhouse, Samba da Alegria, iCon Ritmo! Latin Jazz, jugglers from Humboldt Circus, Halloween DJ music from KRFH 105.1 and more. Come by broom, as parking is limited (no parking on H Street between Eighth and 11th streets or on G Street between Eighth and 10th streets) and please leave your dogs at home. (707) 822-4500, facebook.com/events/1687170108179472/

Black Cats, Bats & Witches' Hats For those looking for some laughter and music along with their nightmares, we offer you a seasonal repose with the Lost Coast's own wandering spectre, Carpathian! Enjoy A Halloween Operetta on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. at Old Town Coffee & Chocolates, 211 F St., Eureka with spooky songs, ghostly giggles and terrifying tales for the whole family! Joining the resident spirit will be storyteller Paul Woodland and Singer/Songwriter Lisa C. Sharry, all promising an evening of fearful fun. Admission is free to this all-ages event. (707) 445-8600, patientcreatures.com

Samhain Celebration Lovers of Irish/Celtic music are enthusiastically invited to enjoy the duo of Crested Hens with Seabury Gould on guitar, bouzouki, flute & vocals and Liz Thompson on cello, on the night of Halloween (and Samhain), Saturday Oct. 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Gallagher's Irish Pub at Second and C streets in Old Town Eureka. Crested Hens will play

Celtic music in the spirit of Samhain with the recognition of how on the night of Halloween there is an opening between our world and the spirit world. seaburygould.com (707) 845-8167.

Games at the Grange The members of Dow's Prairie Grange in McKinleyville sponsor their annual free community Halloween carnival for youth under 12 on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 7 to 9 p.m. Grange volunteers will run games such as the ring toss, duck pond and go fishing so children can win small prizes and candy. A free Haunted House will be provided by Boy Scout Troop 180. There will be a costume parade and contest at 7:30 p.m. and again at 8:30 p.m. After the judging for the best costume in each age category, the children may take turns trying to break open a piñata for even more sweet treats. Community members are encouraged to bring canned food or other non-perishables to support the grange's holiday food basket program to serve those in need. The Dow's Prairie Grange is located at 3995 Dow's Prairie Road opposite the elementary school.

Halloween Metal Madness See Buckshot Possum, Scar Agenda, Muppet Hunter and more at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Saturday, Oct. 31 at 7 p.m. Plus, a costume contest and a raffle. \$5 cover. (707) 444-3803

Zombie Bash Cher-Ae Frights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad, holds a Zombie Bash Halloween Party in the Firewater Lounge on Saturday, Oct. 31 starting at 9 p.m. Come early for trick-or-treating from 7 to 9 p.m. and stay for the costume contest at 10 p.m. (no masks or face paint, please). Black Alice pays tribute to Alice Cooper and Black Sabbath. Admission is free.

Dia de los Muertos The Arkley Center celebrates the Day of the Dead with a line-up of entertainment including Fortuna-based mariachi band Réal México, the Carpathian, Arcata Rueda and Humboldt Folklorico dancers. Headlining the show is San Francisco band Rúkatan Latin Tribe, playing all your fave latin rock hits. Enjoy tacos from Rita's, sweets from Los Bagels and drinks at the Arkley Margarita Bar. The party and outdoor pre-show starts Sunday, Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. and the indoor show runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/\$12 for children under 12. arkleycenter.com, (888) 859-8797

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28	THURSDAY, OCT. 29	FRIDAY, OCT. 30	SATURDAY, OCT. 31	SUNDAY, NOV. 1	MONDAY, NOV. 2	TUESDAY, NOV. 3
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night		7:30 p.m. • <i>A Nightmare on Elm Street</i>	8 p.m. Rising Appalachia		5:20 p.m. • Monday Night Football	
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. The Getdown	9 p.m. Undercovers	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. Money	9 p.m. Zombie Bash	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. Karaoke w/Chris Clay
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			10 p.m. • Con Ritmo & SambAmore	9 p.m. • Soul Fright 4: Fury Road	8 p.m. • New Riders of the Purple Sage		
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	10 p.m. • Whomp Whomp Wednesday	10 p.m. The Getdown	10 p.m. •Something for Evertone	9 p.m. • Teach Me Equals, Lost Luvs etc.	10 p.m. Sundaze		8 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. Susie Laraine	7 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	8 p.m. Live turtle races		9 p.m. Silver Hammer		6 p.m. Potluck dinner	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. RLA Trio	6 p.m. Fred & Jr.	6 p.m. Redwood Ramblers	6 p.m. Home Cookin'	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Roland Rock		8 p.m. The Yokels		6 p.m. Trivia Night	7 p.m. Blue Lotus Jazz
	Richards' Goat 401 I St., Arcata	7:30 p.m. <i>Goodnight Mommy</i>	7:30 p.m. <i>Goodnight Mommy</i> 9 p.m. Mother Vines	7:30 p.m. <i>Goodnight Mommy</i> 9 p.m. Mishchief Nite	7:30 p.m. <i>Goodnight Mommy</i> 9 p.m. Scary-oake	TBA	TBA	8 p.m. Taco Tuesday
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville			9 p.m. • Jenni & David and the Sweet Soul Band	8 p.m. • Pine Box Boys & Huskey Brunette	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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MEETING OF MINDS Juanita Harris and Christina Jioras discuss morality and motherhood in *Going to St. Ives*.
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REDWOOD CURTAIN

EUREKA – May N’Kame, the mother of an African dictator, travels to England to see Dr. Cora Gage about medical treatment for her failing eyesight. Dr. Gage uses the consultation as an opportunity to raise the issue of the imprisonment of some of her colleagues. Meanwhile, N’Kame’s true motive in visiting the doctor leads to fierce and fascinating discourse on morality and motherhood.

Lee Blessing’s *Going to St. Ives* is the story of two impressive women brought together by that which is personal and divided by that which is political, as both seek to accomplish the greatest good. The play opens at Redwood Curtain Theatre (RC) this weekend.

“This production has been a long time coming,” said Artistic Director Clint Rebik. “In 2004, this exquisite play was scheduled to close our season. We lost our lease and, unfortunately, had to cancel. After many years of reconsidering it, and wanting our colleague Juanita Harris to play May, the stars finally aligned and she was able to be here in Humboldt for an extended period to do this role. We are thrilled.”

“Juanita is a professional jazz singer and performer in the Bay Area – and an alum of HSU, where we met her many years ago,” added Executive Director Peggy Metzger. “With her talents, along with long-time RC company member Christina

Jioras, as well as director Cassandra Hesseltine – well, this is a phenomenal team. I’m so excited to see it!”

Hesseltine directs RC veteran Christina Jioras and guest artist Juanita Harris. Assistant direction is provided by Justin Takata. Scenic and lighting designs are by Liz Uhazy, with costumes by Donalyn Sjostrand and sound by Jon Turney. Juan-Carlos Contreras stage manages.

Going to St. Ives previews on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29 and 30 with \$10 tickets. Opening night with gala reception is Saturday Oct. 31, with tickets at \$20. Performances continue Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights through Nov. 21. On cheap date Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12 and 19, two tickets are \$20. A Sunday matinee takes place at 2 p.m. on Nov. 15, with tickets at \$15. Ticket price on Friday and Saturday (except gala) nights is \$15.

Redwood Curtain is at 220 First St. (between C and D streets) in Old Town, Eureka. The main entrance is through Snug Alley.

As the theatre is intimate with only 80 seats, reservations are highly recommended, and there is no late seating. Evening performances begin promptly at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased securely online at redwoodcurtain.com. To reserve tickets, email boxoffice@redwoodcurtain.com or call (707) 443-7688.

Spin the Wheel of Harmony

NORTHCOST PREP.

ARCATA – Spinning the Wheel of Harmony; Exploring Common Ground, a fundraising dinner and concert for the Northcoast Preparatory and Performing Arts Academy (NPA) student trip to Gujarat, India will be held on Friday, Nov. 6 at the Arcata United Methodist Church, 1761 11th St. and Saturday, Nov. 7 at Westhaven Center for

the Arts, 501 S.Westhaven Dr. Each evening features an Indian dinner at 6:30 p.m. and lively concert at 7:30 p.m.

After a colorful Indian dinner with lamb or vegetarian option with paneer prepared by chef Rocky Whitlow, enjoy the music of internationally acclaimed baroque violinists Rob Diggins and Jolianne Einem as they weave together a rich

tapestry of virtuoso music and inspired stories.

NPA student travelers will be on hand to describe their exciting cultural exchange with the Indian high school, Anand Vidya Vihar and their home stays in the city of Vadodara.

Cost for the Indian dinner is \$15/\$12 vegetarian. Admission to the concert is \$10 to \$30, sliding scale. Reservations are strongly encouraged; call (707) 834-2479.

McK FARMERS’ MARKET Get fresh Thursdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the McKinleyville Safeway Shopping Plaza on Central Avenue.

FALL SALAD LUNCHEON The Annual Blue Lake Museum Fall Salad Luncheon is at the Mad River Grange, 100 Hatchery Road, Blue Lake, on Thursday, Oct. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A donation of \$6 is requested. Come enjoy many salads, sweet breads, and coffee.

A NIGHT OUT When Humboldt Made gets together and throws a potluck, it’s legendary. Members bring a dish that highlights their own products and the results are magic. For years these extraordinary dinners have been for members and special guests only, but not anymore! Now you can experience the culinary delight while enjoying the ambience of support, love and community on Thursday, Oct. 29 starting at 5:30 at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Tickets are \$20 to \$30 available at the door or online at humboldtmade.com.

LIVING WITH FIRE Next on KHSU 90.5 FM’s *Thursday Night Talk*: This year’s tremendous wildfires have begged the question “how do we prepare to live with fire?” Join host Brenda Starr and guests Humboldt Del Norte Fire Chief Hugh Scanlon and Six Rivers National Park Service Commander Mike Minton as they explore the role of fire in our ecosystem. Tune in and call in Oct. 29 beginning at 7 p.m. khsu.org

IN HARMONY Humboldt Light Opera Company invites you to an evening of vocal harmony at The SPACE, 92 Sunny Brae Center, Arcata on Friday, Oct. 30 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join singers Helena Avelar, Jennifer Callen, Bonnie Cyr, Paula Proctor, Joele and Stella Matteoli and friends for an eclectic mix of songs. Admission is \$12.

OPA MOKKA Joe & Me plays Greek and Turkish tunes on Friday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. at the always-relaxed Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all ages show. (707) 822-2228

DEVIL’S NIGHT AT THE ALIBI Humboldt Free Radio presents Mos Generator (rock from Port Orchard, Wash.), Lord Ellis (Humboldt heavy rock) and Blackplate (dirge punk from Shively) at The Alibi on Friday, Oct. 30 at 10 p.m. There is a \$7 cover for this 21 and over show.

INSIDE ISLAM Join Grace Good Shepherd Church on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 1 to 4 p.m. for the first in a series of discussions on topics of religion and contemporary culture. The event includes a screening of

Inside Islam, a video documentary study on religion and contemporary culture. Discussion will be led by the Rev. Dr. Lynn Hubbard and followed by a Halloween wine and cheese reception. People of all faiths and good will are invited! Grace Good Shepherd Church is at 1450 Hiller Rd. in McKinleyville. (707) 839-3726

MORE MOKKA MUSIC Take a break from the spooks and ghouls and see the Last Minute Men play international tunes on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. at the not-too-scary Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all ages show. (707) 822-2228

HEROIN ADDICTION The societal impact of heroin addiction will be examined at Lifetree Café on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. The program, titled “The Heroin Addict Next Door: One Man’s Painful Story,” features a filmed interview with Rocky Romano, a former heroin addict. Lifetree Café is a free conversation café with snacks and beverages on the corner of Union and 13th streets in Arcata. lifetreecafe.com, (707) 672-2919

SING-ALONG on the first Monday of every month, so this Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. the Humboldt Folklife Society invites all to gather and sing your favorite folk, rock and pop songs of the 1960s with Joel Sonenshein at the Arcata Community Center 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy. Songbooks are provided. This is a free event. (707) 839-7063

LOCAVORES’ DELIGHT Find fresh vegetables and fruit from local producers, food vendors, plant starts and flowers at the final Tuesday market for the season from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Wildberries Marketplace’s Farmers’ Market, 747 13th St., Arcata. (707) 822-0095

STATES OF GRACE The Arcata Zen Group presents a special one-time only showing of the film *States Of Grace* at the Minor Theatre, 1036 G St. in Arcata, on Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. This award-winning film captures the remarkable story of Grace Damman, a Bay Area physician and AIDS activist in the wake of a life-changing accident. With humor and candor, it follows her return home to the Buddhist community with her partner and their daughter. Family dynamics are turned upside down as each of them must negotiate new roles and responsibilities as they discover new ways to relate to Grace’s radically altered life. Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased in advance at Tugg.com/events/70738. (707) 826-1701, info@arcatazengroup.org

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A PAIR OF BEAUTIES

Bella Donna is Italian for “beautiful woman” and these two kittens are certainly beautiful little ladies. Not only are they as cute as can be, they are also extremely lucky.

Back in September, Bella, Donna and their two siblings were found locked in a dumpster in Eureka. Their hero, Kristen Walden, heard them crying and came to their aid. Walden kept two of the kittens that she rescued, and Bella and Donna came to Companion Animal Foundation, where they have grown into a pair of loveable, affectionate young kittens.

Bella and Donna have had their first vaccines, have been checked for parasites, tested negative for feline leukemia and feline AIDS and are waiting to get big enough to be spayed, which is required prior to adoption. They and all of their kitty friends are available to visit at CAF’s adoption room, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Tuesday through Saturday.

To learn more about CAF and the programs we offer, visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata, email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, check out Companion Animal Foundation on Facebook, or call (707) 826-7387.



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LEADING CHANGE The Northern California Association of Nonprofits (NorCAN) invites the public to a Board Leadership Roundtable with Byrd Lochtie on Monday, Nov. 2 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd. in Bayside. This month’s topic is Leading Change. A nonprofit board needs to know how to recognize the need for change, prepare for it and accomplish change with understanding, motivation and commitment. Admission is \$20/\$10 for NorCAN members. (707) 442-2993, norcan@hafoundation.org, northerncalifornianonprofits.org

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19. Fine wool
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24. Lucie’s brother
25. Merchandise
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59. Presidential nickname
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Solution in next week’s Mad River Union

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Trinidad School’s annual Halloween Parade takes place Friday, Oct. 30 at about 10:15 a.m. Line the streets along Trinity, Edwards and Main streets and Saunders Plaza. The entire student body and staff will delight the community with the always-inventive array of spooky, scary, funny, and bizarre costumes.

Later in the day, the school seventh and eighth graders will hold a Halloween Carnival from 6 to 8 p.m. at the school. All are invited.

Planning position

The Trinidad Planning Commission has one vacant position through December 2018. Applicants must live within the city limits and be registered to vote. The Planning Commission of five individuals is an influential part of civic life. The commission is currently finishing up the General Plan and is considering revisions in the Vacation Dwelling Ordinance. It is important, rewarding work.

Letters of interest must be received by the City Clerk by Wednesday, Nov. 4. They can be submitted by email, mail or in person at 409 Trinity St. Mail to P.O. Box 390, Trinidad, CA 95570.

Small Images at WCA

Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA), 501 South Westhaven Dr., is showing “Small Images – Art for the Holidays,” an exhibit and sale of small

format art by local artists during November and December.

“This show is an opportunity for the community to purchase art as holiday gifts at affordable prices, sort of a six-week holiday art fair,” said exhibit coordinator Ann Anderson. “We will have prints, glass jewelry and ceramics as well as paintings and drawings.”

An opening reception for the artists is set for Sunday, Nov. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the center. The gallery is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Trinidad Civic Club program

Trinidad Civic Club holds its monthly business meeting and program on Thursday, Nov. 5 in the Club Room in Town Hall. The regular business meeting starts at 10 a.m. The program begins at 11:15 a.m. with Colby Smart of the Humboldt County Office of Education speaking on “The Wonders of Technology.” Following the meeting, Jan West will lead a demonstration on “Exploring PowerPoint” at the Trinidad School Computer Lab from noon to 1 p.m.

Donna Haddock and Liz Thatcher preside. Cheryl Gilmour and Marilyn Cargill are hostesses.

Big Lagoon School Fall Extravaganza

Big Lagoon School, only seven miles north of Trinidad on Big Lagoon Park Drive, will hold its fall arts and crafts fair complete with flea market,



Spooky spread for seniors

HUMBOLDT SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER

HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt Senior Resource Center dining sites have special Halloween activities and meals planned for Friday, Oct. 30. A ghoulish menu will be served at all three sites: Goblin Pea Soup, Petrified Pineapple Jell-O, Sour Dough, October Orange and a Tricky Treat.

Activities at the Eureka dining site include a costume contest and festive decorations. The Accordianaires will play from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For reservations, call Cathy at (707) 442-1181. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Here’s what a little love can do

Dusty is a chocolate brown 4-year-old Australian Kelpie and Labrador Retriever mix. He is a medium-large dog, probably about 60 pounds with long legs and an athletic build.

Dusty was neutered right after passing his temperament tests and so spent his first days as an adoptable dog with a big plastic cone of shame on his head. This did not do much to boost his confidence and so he went back into the limbo of not-quite-adoptable-yet. I started walking him during this time and found that if he could see what was going on around him, he was just fine. His cone came off, experienced volunteers spent time visiting with him, and pretty soon he was back in Adoptables, ready to meet his forever family.



As I’ve said many times, the shelter can be a very scary place for some dogs and they just need a chance to

acclimate to the environment before they can show off their best features. Now, Dusty is a lively, playful dog that is looking for a job to do, whether that be helping a new owner get outside and exercise more or keeping watch over a family farm.

Dusty is a smart dog that is ready to be challenged with more training. His leash manners are getting better every day and he knows a few commands. He can be vocal when playing with other dogs, but he does really like to be around canine pals, despite how it might sound. We are introducing more and more of the shelter dogs to each other and finding that they are almost all very social.

Dusty is vaccinated and micro-chipped, and can be seen at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

Another dog that found the shelter to be an overwhelming place is Redwood Pals Rescue’s newest addition, Midnight, a young male Labrador Retriever. Midnight was so terrified in his kennel that he gave the appearance of being an aggressive dog, growling at all who came near him. I was pretty sure that he was just scared and not vicious, and slowly tried to earn his trust.

After a couple of days of tossing

concessions, a book sale, raffle and silent auction on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Trinidad Lions Club is joining in, offering free vision screening for adults and children through the day.

The school invites community members to participate in the flea market by purchasing a six-by-seven-foot table for \$15 or a 12- to 14-foot table for \$25. Dana Hope is helping organize the event. Call her at (800) 205-8292 with questions or for table reservations.

Thirty years of grace and service

Trinidad Library Director Kenzie Mullen announced her retirement at the 100-year anniversary of the opening of Trinidad Library during the ice cream social last month.

Generations of Trinidad area children have checked out books, heard Kenzie read stories, participated in magic, craft and reading events and enjoyed her gentle smile, patience and good nature. Adult bibliophiles have received book recommendations and advice and service on researching multifarious subjects for nearly a third of Trinidad Library’s years of operation.

Kenzie will be leaving in November. Essence Torres, president of Friends of the Trinidad Library, invites the community to save the date of Jan. 9, 2016 for Kenzie’s official retirement party.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



meat chunks in through the fence (Thank you, Arcata Co-op deli!), I entered his kennel with a leash. He stayed in the corner but didn’t object when I slipped a lead over his head. As soon as I had him on a leash and headed outside, he switched into a friendly, playful dog. Really, the transformation was amazing! He wasn’t just friendly with me; he wiggled up to everyone we met and was friendly with the other dogs out walking also.

Midnight seems to have a working knowledge of the commands “sit,” “come” and “stay.” He’s pretty good on the leash and likes a short game of fetch. What stands out most about him is just what a gentle, affectionate dog he is. His kennel fearfulness will keep him from being an adoptable dog at the shelter, but he will still make someone a great companion.

If you would like to meet Midnight, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or (707) 839-9692 to set up an introduction. Midnight will be neutered and up to date on vaccinations before leaving Redwood Pals.

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CHAMPIONS OF SPORT Team Multiplicity – Gary Hendrickson, Chuck Chojnacki, Jason Stuan, and Kenny Caughey – won the sixth annual Tiger Pride Alumni Golf Tournament at Baywood on Oct. 17. The tournament is a fundraiser for the Arcata High School football and volleyball programs. SUBMITTED PHOTO



SPECIAL GIFT The Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise donated \$150 to the Humboldt County Special Olympics Bocce Ball Tournament in Arcata. Above, Rotarian George Cavinta and volunteer Matt Cendejas present a check to Special Olympic athletes. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rotarians equip new McK Teen Center kitchen

MCSD
MCKINLEYVILLE — The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) received \$25,000 from the Mad River Rotary Club for equipping and furnishing the commercial kitchen at the teen and community center currently under construction. Each year since 2012, Mad River Rotary has dedicated funds to go toward furnishing the kitchen at MCSD's new facility. A check for the grand total of dedicated funds was presented to MCSD staff at Mad River Rotary's 2015 annual dinner on Oct. 19.

The construction of the Teen and Community Center is funded through assessment Measure B passed by property owners in 2012. However, the interior furnishing and equipping of the facility is being funded entirely through community support. This donation from Mad River Rotary will ensure that the commercial kitchen is furnished and equipped with state-of-the-art appliances and furnishings. MCSD is very grateful to the support Mad River Rotary has given to this community and to this project specifically.



BIG HELP Mad River Rotarian Dave Turner, center, presents an unwalletable but very cashable check to the MCSD, represented by Recreation Director/flapper Lesley Frisbee and dapper MCSD Manager Greg Orsini. SUBMITTED PHOTO

MCSD is currently accepting monetary donations for the teen center through sales of commemorative paver bricks and recognition leaves to be placed in the walkway leading up to the entrance of the facility and displayed inside the facility, respectively. Those interested in supporting the center should contact the MCSD Parks & Recreation office at (707) 839-9003.

OBITUARY

Guy Richard Bush

Long-time Arcata resident Guy Richard Bush died Oct. 14, 2015 at age 94 following a brief illness. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Edith Bacchetti Bush, who passed away in 2005.

Guy was an active member and “fixture” of the Timber Ridge Assisted Living Community for the last six years of his life.

Born in Hannibal, Missouri in 1920, Guy moved to Humboldt County in 1940 and worked for over 40 years at the Hammond Lumber Company/Louisiana Pacific. He served on the Arcata School Board and was an active member of St. Mary's Church.

Guy loved being involved with the Who's Who and the ROMEOs (Retired Old Men Eating Out), enjoyed long road trips to Reno (sometimes leaving in the middle of the night) and was always looking for the next bingo game or winning slot machine. He loved spending time with family, friends and his Customer Coach traveling companions. He had a passion for doing very difficult crossword and jigsaw puzzles, playing cards with friends and cherished his time dining at the Arcata/McKinleyville Senior Resource Center.

Guy is survived by his loving twin sons, David Bush of Camarillo and Dean “Briar” Bush (Debi Farber) of Eureka. He also leaves behind his adoring grandchildren Heather (Rustin) Alton of Mishawka, Japan and Aaron Lamb of Portland along



with two great grandchildren, Alicia Paul and Zayden Alton.

His death came quickly and without prolonged illness or pain. A memorial service was held at Timber Ridge in McKinleyville on Oct. 18. The family wishes to thank the staff at Mad River Community Hospital and Timber Ridge for their compassionate and extraordinary care.

Donations may be made to AIDS Lifecycle (care of Debi Farber Bush) aidslifecycle.org or to the Arcata Senior Resource Center.

BIRTHS, WEDDINGS AND OBITUARIES

❖ The Mad River Union is pleased to publish birth and wedding announcements and obituaries up to 250 words free of charge. Photos are welcome. Announcements longer than 250 words, but less than 500, are \$100 per week. 500 to 1000 words are \$200 a week. The Mad River Union is printed every Wednesday. E-mail announcements, with photos attached separately, to editor@madrivernet.com by 5 p.m. the Friday before.

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Answers to last week's crossword

LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00541
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ECONOMIC GROWTH AND STABILITY 2225 F STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 LEO SEARS 3335 F STREET EUREKA, CA 95503**
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/LEO SEARS**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on SEP 21, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS A. ABRAM DEPUTY
10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00563
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **ZIVARRI JEWELS 336 GROTTO STREET EUREKA, CA 95501 KELLY GIAMPAOLO 336 GROTTO STREET EUREKA, CA 95501**
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/KELLY GIAMPAOLO**
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KELLY E. SANDERS M. MORRIS DEPUTY
10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00580
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **GREEN ROAD CONSULTING 1225 CENTRAL AVE. SUITE 10 MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 ROBIN C. COLLINS 2235 SUNSET RIDGE MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 PAUL A. EMLET 2360 BATES LN. APT. #4 MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership **S/ROBIN C. COLLINS, PARTNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT 13, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS Z. HALMAN DEPUTY

10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00581
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUMBOLDT PRODUCE 1894 PARK ST. MANILA, CA 95521 DEVIN G. HOLCOMB 1894 PARK ST. MANILA, CA 95521**
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/DEVIN G. HOLCOMB**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT 13, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00571
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **L.O.V.E. CONFECTIONS 4807 JACOBY CREEK RD. BAYSIDE, CA 95524 LYNDSEY A. LIVENGOD 4708 JACOBY CREEK RD. BAYSIDE, CA 95524**
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/LYNDSEY LIVENGOD, BUSINESS OWNER**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT 08, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS A. ABRAM DEPUTY
10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 15-00604
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HYPER DIMENSIONAL DISTRIBUTION 814 MURRAY RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519 KALE E. OLIVER 814 MURRAY RD. MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**
This business is conducted by: An Individual **S/KALE OLIVER, PRESIDENT**
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on OCT 21, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS A. ABRAM DEPUTY
10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, AKA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, SR. CASE NO.: PR150245
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, AKA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CURTIS, SR.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: LINDA ROCHA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: LINDA ROCHA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
Date: November 5, 2015
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your

objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: RYAN HURLEY, GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167
10/14, 10/21, 10/28

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LAVELLE JOY NELSON CASE NO.: PR150249
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: LAVELLE JOY NELSON
A Petition for Probate

has been filed by: WARREN NELSON in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: WARREN NELSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
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If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to

the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
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Attorney for the petitioner: RYAN HURLEY, GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167
10/14, 10/21, 10/28

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1454
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on October 21, 2015, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1454, summarized below, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code to Adjust Councilmember Salary and Benefits, Title II—Administration, Chapter 1—Council, Sections 2020, 2011, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only.* Motion to introduce

Ordinance No. 1454 was passed by the following vote: AYES: Winkler, Pitino, Pereira, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: Ornelas. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata
Summary of Ordinance No. 1454
If adopted, this ordinance will adjust the monthly salary for City Council members by five percent (5%) per year from the date of the last increase four years ago, thereby raising it from \$484.67 to \$581.60 per month, an increase of \$96.93 per month. The ordinance will also allow Councilmembers to opt out of the City's medical insurance coverage and receive a \$300 monthly payment in lieu thereof.
The full text of Ordinance No. 1454 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ordinance No. 1454 may be considered for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Arcata City Council to be held on November 4, 2015, and if adopted at that time, would take effect December 4, 2015.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 10/28

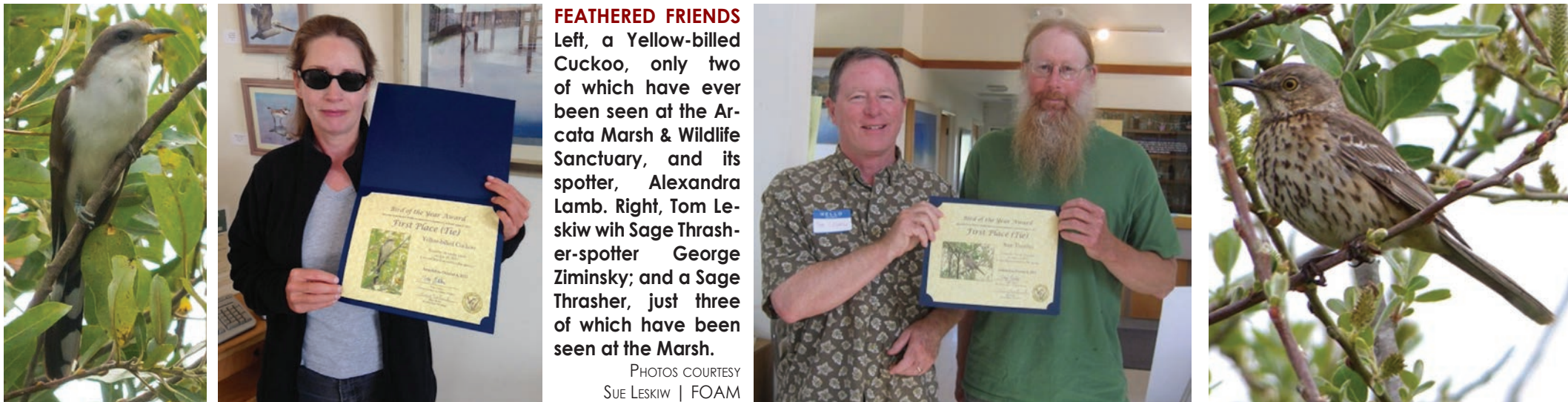
CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1467
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2015, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1467, summarized below, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Land Use Code of the Arcata Municipal Code to Create a Creamery District Combining Zone; Title IX—Planning and Zoning; Chapter 1—Planning and Zoning Standards;*

Section 9000—Land Use Code (LUC), Section 9.12.020—Zoning Map and Zoning Districts; Section 9.26.030—Commercial, Industrial, and Public Facility Zoning Districts; Section 9.28.120 (New)—Creamery District (CD) Combining Zone, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Ordinance No. 1467 was passed and adopted at a regular City Council meeting held on October 21, 2015 by the following vote: AYES: Winkler, Pitino, Pereira, Ornelas, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata
Summary of Ordinance No. 1467
This ordinance will amend the Arcata Land Use Code by creating a new combining zone with land use and development standards specific to the Creamery District.
The full text of Ordinance No. 1467 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance will take effect November 20, 2015, BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated: October 21, 2015.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 10/28

CITY OF ARCATA LEGAL NOTICE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1469
I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on October 7, 2015, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1469, summarized below, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending the Arcata Municipal Code to*

Add Procedures for Graffiti Nuisance Abatement and Administrative Recovery of Fines and Penalties, Title V—Sanitation & Health, Chapter 5—Abatement of Nuisances, Title I—General Provisions, Chapter 3—Penalty Provisions, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only. Ordinance No. 1469 was passed and adopted at a regular City Council meeting held on October 21, 2015 by the following vote: AYES: Winkler, Pitino, Pereira, Ornelas, Wheelley. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata
Summary of Ordinance No. 1469
This ordinance amends the Arcata Municipal Code (AMC) by adding graffiti to the City's defined list of public nuisances subject to abatement and cost recovery. The ordinance also updates the current Code enforcement provisions of the AMC to allow for the recovery of administrative fines and penalties for any violation of the Municipal Code.
The full text of Ordinance No. 1469 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance will take effect November 20, 2015, BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated: October 21, 2015.
Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 10/28

LEGAL NOTICE
Mad River YSL Annual General Meeting 11/10/15 6:30 pm at 980 7th St., Arcata. Nominees for Directors and bylaw amendments: visit www.mrysl.net
10/28



Meet FOAM’s Birds of the Year and those fortunate to spot them

Sue Leskiw
FRIENDS OF THE ARCATA MARSH
ARCATA – As part of the Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) 22nd annual meeting held on Oct. 4, winners and honorable mentions for this award were announced by judge Tom Leskiw.

The goal of the Arcata Marsh Bird of the Year Award is to recognize rare birds (and their finders) spotted within the borders of the Marsh that are subsequently

enjoyed by other observers.

So that FOAM could present the award at its annual meeting, the window for birds to be considered was set as Sept. 1, 2014 through Aug. 31, 2015. Candidates were compiled from Audubon Field Notes, eBird and personal experience of the selection committee. Winners received a certificate and mention in FOAM’s newsletter.

Because the scores for the top two nominees were extremely close, the judges decided to award

a tie for first place.

One winner was the Sage Thrasher, first seen by George Ziminsky on April 19 during FOAM’s Godwit Days tour of the wastewater treatment plant, and last reported on April 22. This was the third Sage Thrasher confirmed within the Marsh boundaries and the first since 1998. It’s always nice — and a boost for ecotourism — to have a noteworthy bird found during Godwit Days. That someone who works so tirelessly

to make the Marsh attractive to avian and human visitors alike found the bird is icing on the cake.

The other first-place winner was the Yellow-billed Cuckoo, first seen by Alexandra Lamb on July 27 and last reported on Aug. 5. This was the second Yellow-billed Cuckoo confirmed within the Marsh boundaries and may be the most successfully chased cuckoo in Humboldt County history.

Three honorable mentions were also recognized.

The first was Northern Saw-whet Owl, first spotted by Phil Johnston on Feb. 13. This was the second record for the Marsh and was seen by many visitors.

The second was Chestnut-sided Warbler, found by Elias Elias on June 16. This was the third record for the Marsh.

The third was Northern Parula, first seen by Alex Lamb on Aug. 25. This was the third or fourth record for the Marsh and was seen by many visitors.

AUDUBON MARSH TOUR Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on Saturday, Oct. 31. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Participants are invited to dress for the occasion (e.g., as your favorite bird). Meet leader Carol Wilson in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on Sat-

urday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. Meet leaders Jane and Richard Wilson at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

FREE FOREST MAP APP The City of Arcata is urging Community Forest users to check out a new, free mapping app.

Mobile App PDF Maps is a mobile map application that enables you to download geo-referenced maps for offline use on your Apple iOS or Android smartphone or tablet. Download City of Arcata’s geo-ref-

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How to get the app: Access Google Play or the App Store directly and search for “Avenza PDF Maps,” then download and install the app.

Next, download Arcata maps for free directly from the Avenza Map Store. In PDF

Maps, navigate to the Map Store (some devices display a shopping cart).

Click “Find Maps.” This will open up a map based on the users location. Select “List” button. In the Search box type in “Arcata.” Choose the Arcata map of choice.

Downloading and installing the map may take a few minutes (wi-fi is suggested). Once installed, the map can be used offline.

“It doesn’t use any cellular data once the maps is installed to a device,” said Brian Kang, city GIS coordinator, adding it is “a great aid in hiking the wonderful Arcata Community Forest.”

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